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COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING 211 AINSLIE STREET **NOVEMBER 12, 2019** 

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms, Dealice Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the chairperson that there were 29 members present. A sufficient number to call the Public Hearing to order.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Caponegro made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weidberg. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Peterson acknowledged that former board member Rabbi Perlstein's wife was present and asked all to give a round of support for him. She noted that he was a founding member of the Women's Issues Committee. Chairperson Ms. Fuller extended her thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Perlstein for her husband's service to the community. This sentiment was also expressed by the board members.

PRESENTATION: FLIX BUS - Plans on Establishing a pick up and drop off point for their intercity bus service in the Williamsburg Area. - By Judd Krasher, Senior Government Affairs Manager, Flix Bus. A presentation was made to the full board. Mr. Krasher noted that they are not submitting anything yet for final approval. They will have to meet with all of the agencies and the appropriate elected officials, including the community board. They don't own their buses. They work with local bus companies. The buses can operate under Flix Bus's umbrella. They take care of the marketing and advertising. He related that this an inter-city bus service. It helps to get cars off the road and that they believe strongly in getting cars off the roads. Their buses are more environmentally friendly. They will be looking for curbside pick-up and drop-off places in Williamsburg. Mr. Krasher related that they are operating nationwide in the U.S. and that they are based in Germany. They have routes all over Europe. They are extensively operating in Europe,

and now they are on the U.S.'s West Coast. Their strategy is that if you want to travel inter-city, you should not have to travel only to Manhattan for service. There should be this type of service in all of the boroughs. Flix Bus is one of the biggest companies in the world. In NYC, they do have stops in Manhattan (at Chinatown and Midtown). They take care of the marketing, hiring, training, etc. Specific to CB#1, they do not have any locations yet. He said exploring for locations this way gives the community time to think about it. He said that if one wants to use a bus, Flix Bus wants to provide the service. They are trying to expand their service, including having multiple stops. He has emailed material to the board. He asked that it be distributed. Mr. Burrows raised concern about liability and proliferation of this type of service. He wondered if other companies will get the idea to be here in Williamsburg, too. Mr. Krasher said that they have their own training for drivers and expect drivers to operate safely. He said that in Washington DC, they have their own insurance. He said that when they enter a market, they try to gain customers. There is dynamic pricing. They do not have unions, but their partners may. They follow safety all guidelines, rules and regulations. With respect to environmental impacts there will be a reduction of cars and therefore, a reduction of pollution. He noted their vision is for smart and green mobility for everyone to experience. They have the best value for the money and most convenient booking. He discussed their partnership business model. It enables small bus operators to serve major network lines with the support of Flix Bus's experience, quality and recognition. Their typical bus partner has an average of 20-50 buses. They provide consistent product experience. They have standardization across all of their bus partners. Flix Bus's standardized product: is a modern fleet, comfort seat spacing; ADA accessibility; restrooms; onboard entertainment; free Wi-Fi; power outlets; and a reserved seat option. There is 24/7 traffic control to support drivers and stations. There is a dedicated customer service team. They are planning an expansion to the east coast, Florida and the Pacific North-West. Since the end of 2019, there were over 2 Million passengers, over 150 destinations in 28 states. By 2021, they plan to cover travel to all of the U.S., Canada and Mexico. They were very proud of their track record. Ms. Rachlin asked how/where they obtained their marketing information. He said that they were doing market their own research, which has been demonstrating the needs. Within the next two or three months they would like to submit an application to the NYC DOT for service stops. Mr. Weiser asked Mr. Krasher what were the cities that they go to now from New York City. Mr. Krasher noted that currently they travel directly to: Washington DC, Boston/MA; Baltimore & Rockville/MD; and Philadelphia/PA - from NYC. Ms. Teague asked where else are they going/what are the other cities. Mr. Krasher said that Boston is their most popular route on the East Coast. They go also to Philadelphia, Pittsburg. They also have routes from Florida going to the West Coast. A map of these current routes can be found in the presentation materials.

PRESENTATON: SAFE HORIZON – Training and Outreach regarding Anti-trafficking Program. – By Stephanie Clemente, Training and Outreach Coordinator, Safe Horizon. Ms. Clemente related that Safe Horizon's Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP) is dedicated to supporting survivors of labor and sex trafficking in New York City. ATP is one of the largest direct service providers to victims of human trafficking on the east coast. Help us stop human trafficking. They provide both legal and case management services to all victims of human trafficking – labor and sex trafficking – including men, women, children, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens. ATP helps children and adults regardless of gender or gender identity so they can heal emotionally, find justice, and rebuild their lives. Safe Horizon provides: Culturally and linguistically sensitive services; supportive counseling and empowerment groups; assistance with basic need; legal assistance; advocacy through the criminal justice system; help with access to public benefits;

linkage to shelter and housing options and Linkages to other services. ATP provides consultations and trainings to educate professionals and organizations about human trafficking. They are designed to help agencies develop a deeper understanding of the laws, policies and practices that help survivors of human trafficking escape and recover. The US, Philippines and Mexico have the highest rates of trafficking. Ms. Clemente noted that the U.S. has a high rate of human trafficking. She noted that 20% are young men. Safe Horizon's mission is to provide support, prevent violence and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. They offer training for groups, such as community groups, churches and schools. She spoke about labor trafficking: this activity can be found in place like hotels, motels, and in jobs for babysitting. The Safe Horizon agency has a hotline that a person could call for assistance: Tel. # (800) 621-HOPE (4673). There is also helpline that operates Mon. – Fri. 9AM -5PM for the Anti-Trafficking (ATP) office. Their office is located at 50 Court Street - 8th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. It is open Mon. -Fri. 9AM -5PM., Tel. # (718) 943-8631. If you call when the office is closed, she urged that the caller leave a voicemail message and someone will get back to them on the next business day. The Citywide Helpline is: Tel. # (855) 234-1042. Ms. Clemente said that there is also a 24 hr. national hotline. She emphasized that one does not know if it is the right time for a person to leave their situation. Just like victims of domestic violence, the individual needs to know that it is safe to leave. She asked that the hotline numbers be provided to a person deemed in need, this way they can by choice personally discuss their options with a trained advocate.

PRESENTATION: Girl Scouts Of Greater New York - Outreach On Forming Girl Scout Troops In Community Board No.1. - By Samantha Brant, Brooklyn Membership Development Specialist, Girl Scouts of Greater NY. She is one of two Brooklyn membership development specialists. She is here to encourage persons to provide the information about Girl Scouts and to take part in participating. She said that they help girls develop their leadership skills. They offer financial assistance. They do not turn away any girl. There is a case-by-case basis. It is only \$25 a year. Founded in 1913, the Girl Scouts of Greater New York is New York City's largest girls-only leadership program, reaching over 31,000 girls ages 5 to 17 in every zip code of the five boroughs. Girl Scouts enjoy programs that include: Business and Entrepreneurship, Outdoor Adventure & Education, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Leadership Development, Take-Action Service Projects, and Capstone programs, including a Leadership Institute, Powered by Girl Scouts of Greater New York --- With the help of over 8,200 adult volunteers and their generous supporters, today's Girl Scouts learn to lead with courage, confidence, and character to make their communities and the world a better place. In regards to a question raised about gender qualification, Ms. Brant related that she could not speak for the Boy Scouts of America regarding their admissions policy as they were a different entity.

## LIQUOR LICENSES

Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted the listing of licenses. She asked if there were any persons who wish to speak on liquor licenses.

### **NEW**

1. 732 Townies Inc., dba TBD, 732 Manhattan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

- 2. BTH Bar Brooklyn LLC, dba Bury The Hatchett Brooklyn, 25 Noble Street Unit 106, (New, wine/beer, cider)
- 3. D. Fattal & E. Cohen on behalf of Entity to be determined, dba To Be Determined, 234 Union Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 4. D & D Cafe LLC, dba Pollonia, 128 Meserole Street, (Alteration/ Class Change, wine/beer, cider, rest, bar)
- 5. Kokomo Restaurant LLC, dba TBD, 65 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 6. Red House BK LLC, dba Kings Co Imperial, 22 Skillman Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest with customer bar)
- 7. Sey Café LLC, dba Sey Café, 18 Grattan Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 8. Sweet Lightning Inc., 135 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 9. The Rusty Face LLC., 188-190 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Tomo Japanese Restaurant Inc., 1077 Flushing Avenue, (Class Change, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 11. Uncle Craig Inc. dba Long Haul Brewery, 52 Harrison PL., (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

## RENEWALS

- 1. Demije Group LLC., dba 323 Graham Avenue, dba Ba'sik, 323 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 2. Bulbap1 Inc., dba Bulbap Grill, 646 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 3. ME II U Inc., dba Richlane, 595 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 4. Mizu Sushi NY INC., dba Mizu, 314 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 5. Nealtican Deli Grocery Corp., 1225 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 6. New Ako Restaurant Inc., dba Ako Japanese Cuisine, 205 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 7. Norman Kingsland LLC, dba Norman Kingsland, 269 Norman Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, music venue/event space)
- 8. Pippilocca LLC, dba IL Passatore, 14 Bushwick Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 9. Sakura 6 Greenpoint Inc., 837 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Syndicated Bar & Theater LLC, dba Syndicated, 40-46 Bogart Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest, theater)
- 11. Tomo Japanese Restaurant Inc., 1077 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 12. Quality Rockets Inc., dba Hotel Delmano, 82 Berry Street AKA 120 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
- 13. Wildair LLC, dba Brooklyn Label, 180 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 14. Woodfire Collision LLC, dba Lilia Restaurant, 567 575 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, rest)

Speakers for this portion were called to come forward.

Mr. Sante Miceli, Milton Street Block Association, spoke about the backyard use of bars. He said that they value the historic district. He spoke about a liquor license application for 132 Franklin Street. There are too many bars within a 500 ft. radius. He raised concern about the historic block

and its donut shape back yards. He related that they were concerned about a license for "Fulgurances" at 132 Franklin Street. He want to not have a loss of quality of life. He urged the board to make a recommendation that they do not use the backyard.

Ms. Jane Clarke, resident of Milton Street. She noted that the people who live here are hardworking people, and they come home to relax, but the area is noisy because of the bars and backyard uses. Noise just ricochets around the backyards. The historic district blocks backyards are in a donut shape. The noise is coming from all places.

Ms. Katie Naplatarski, Greenpoint Resident, spoke about the license for Fulgurances. She urged the board to vote no on the rear yard use.

Ms. Elizabeth Cernadas, Resident of Milton Street, spoke about the need to have quality of life. She noted that the storefronts were not intended to be used as bars. They bring noise, with people and equipment. Homeownership is a big deal. People need to live in an affordable place and good quality of life.

Ms. Anna Sadler, resident of Milton Street. Said that there should be no backyard use for bars in the area, unless the community is involved. The community needs to know what is going on.

Mr. Joe Iberti, Resident of Oak Street, raised concern about bars and their backyard use.

Mr. Mark Lubel, resident of Milton Street, noted that he had two small children. He has to close his windows because of the noise. He was concerned about the proliferation of bars.

There were no other speakers and Chairperson Fuller noted that this was the conclusion of the Public Hearing. She moved to the next item on the agenda which was the regular board meeting.

## **BOARD MEETING**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Ms. Fuller called for a moment of silence. She asked that it be dedicated to our Veterans.

## ROLL CALL

Chairperson Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito call the roll. There were 31 members present. A quorum was present.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Caponegro made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teague. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<u>Parks & Waterfront Committee</u> – Mr. Caponegro, Committee Chair, presented a written report on behalf of the committee. He was joined at the podium with Committee Co-Chair Ms. McKeever. There were two items that were being submitted to the board for a vote.

- Letter of Support for the Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park. Mr. Caponegro noted that the Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park is calling upon the Metropolitan Transport Authority to withdraw its RFP for the redevelopment of 40 Quay Street in Greenpoint & work with the Greenpoint & Williamsburg community to transform this waterfront site into a resilient public space. He requested that CB#1 send a letter supporting this. It is a public space and should remain a public space. It will add to the footprint of Bushwick Inlet Park. Ms. McKeever read the letter. Mr. Elkins raised concern about the RFP seeking developers to request a rezoning. Ms. Peterson said that this community doesn't have enough open and green space. Mr. Caponegro made a motion to send the letter to Governor Cuomo. Ms. Cabrera seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The vote was as follows: 38 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION"; 0 "RECUSALS".
- Letter of Support to upgrade the McCarren Park Handball Courts. Mr. Caponegro related that the community is asking the elected officials and the NYC Parks Department for funding to replace the McCarren Park Handball Courts with a new updated facility. Mr. Caponegro made a motion to send the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teague. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 38 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Caponegro related that the Parks & Waterfront Committee heard a presentation from the Parks Department regarding the Field House and Comfort Station in McCarren Park. It was requested that they come to make a presentation to the full board next month. [Subsequently, the Parks Department has asked to move the presentation to the January 2020 board meeting.]

Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee – Ms. McKeever presented a written report on behalf of the Landmarks Subcommittee. She noted that they reviewed the application and made a resolution regarding its appropriateness. Ms. McKeever read the report. It was the only item that the committee had to consider. She related that the architect had come to the full board to make a presentation and then went to the committee for recommendation. The applicant made some changes. Ms. McKeever raised concern about the historic district homes and that this proposed building was out of scale and character with the historic district. She spoke about the changes from commercial to residential. She was concerned about the scale and step back that would raise the height of the building and change the fabric of the historic district. The color and materials are out of character. She had a resolution about the lack of appropriateness of the proposal. She read it to the members and made a motion to send it. Mr. Caponegro seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 32 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

<u>Transportation Committee</u> – Mr. Bruzaitis, the Transportation Committee Chair, read the committee's written report.

<u>Calver Triangle Intersection</u>. Proposal to improve safety conditions at the intersections of Calver, Franklin & Banker Streets. - by Dan Keezer, resident of CB#1. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the

recommendation from Mr. Keezer were detailed in a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed the various issues, which included a proposed small plaza. There is a potential plaza partner there. It was a pinch point right now. The proposal was distributed last month. He urged that it be sent to DOT for consideration. It would come before the board if it came forward to develop a plaza. Ms. Kaminski asked if the is light at the intersection. It was noted that there was. Mr. Stewart made a motion to support forwarding the Calyer Street recommendations, received from a member of the community, to the NYC Department of Transportation for review. Ms. Rachlin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "NO".

Mr. Bruzaitis continued with his report. There was a letter that was a conversation with GREC and DOT regarding Maspeth Avenue. Mr. Burrows asked about the suggestions to remove parking in the this area (at Maspeth Avenue and side streets). Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the suggestions calling for daylighting of just some of parking spaces because turning there was causing sideswiping.

There was a request for a support letter for renewal of a taxi base license: Ms. Juany Ramirez, Mr. Nelson de Los Santos & Mr. Jose Cuello representing New Brooklyn Car Service appeared to ask for the letter of support. The committee members present supported this request. Mr. Burrows made a motion to provide the support letter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Teague. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

<u>Attendance Committee</u> – Mr. Bruzaitis discussed board member absences and the accumulation of some board members triggering the need for a letter and possibly a face to face meeting with the committee. He noted that there is a need for some tweaking in the By-Laws in regards to attendance.

<u>SLA Review & DCA Committee Report</u> – Mr. Burrows, Committee Chair, presented a written report. He requested a vote of the items.

<u>Unenclosed sidewalk café applications</u>: Mr. Burrows made a motion to support the recommendations for the various applications. Mr. Bachorowski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Burrows noted that if there was a "no show" for an application, they are denied by the committee, unless they requested a postponement.

New Licenses: Mr. Burrows noted that items #2 and #3 were the same entity. The committee approved item #3 and disregarded #2 as a duplicate. He made a motion to support the recommendations for the various applications. Mr. Bachorowski seconded the motion. Ms. Cabrera had a question on the report about 132 Franklin [Street]. Mr. Burrows related that they didn't show for the day of the meeting but requested a postponement. The committee will keep an eye on them. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Renewal Licenses: Mr. Burrows said that the committee found no problem with the renewals. He

checks with the precincts. He noted that item #31 has since closed down and was no longer in business. He asked for all to look at the list announced this evening because these entities would be coming before the committee next. He asked for a motion to support the committee's recommendation to approve the renewals. Mr. Bachorowski made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

<u>Previously Postponed Items</u>: Mr. Burrows asked for a vote. He made a motion to approve the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bachorowski. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 34 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Burrows announced that the next meeting of the committee is: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM, in the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue.

Board Budget Committee – Ms. Viera, Committee Chair, presented a written report. She discussed the report. She noted that the committee had talked about the uses of the Council discretionary funding. A paper is being passed around to all of the members for their input. She urged for input on any additional recommendation. She said that they want to come to an agreement on the funding. Although the deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>, there are procedures to be taken in order to spend the funding. They will have use approved venders by the City. She asked that the ranking forms be returned. Any additional suggestion can be inserted as "other". There was a correction for the price of the shredder, it was about \$800. It is on the city's contract. There were no other question raised at this time.

Women's Issues Committee – Ms. Peterson, Committee Chair, provided a verbal report. Before beginning her report, she noted that there were a number of people who wanted to speak on a park issue during public session. Chairperson Fuller noted that the speakers had signed up for the public session, which hadn't come up yet. Ms. Peterson continued her report and noted that they are looking at having a conference on women's issues (going deeper on funding and priorities). She spoke about women who swim at Metropolitan Pool. There is not enough space for them at the pool. Chairperson Ms. Fuller noted that the agenda items - the Public Session or Parks Minute, have not come up yet.. Ms. Peterson said that they are asking for one hour on Monday and two hours on Friday. She is asking that the community board send a letter supporting the request. She made this a motion. Mr. Burrows spoke on the matter and read a statement. He said that he is member of the LGTB community, and a former past president of the Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn ("LID"). He raised issues of gender discrimination and stigmatism. He related that the pool is a public facility and public space. He said that they were asking the community board to reverse its former positon. He asked for the members to not support the motion. Ms. Peterson said that the board has been consistent that there are different needs for different people. Older people need to swim. She said that they should all sit down and discuss this. Rabbi Niederman spoke on the motion. He said that they are not allowed to discriminate, but they also have to be fair to everyone. This is why this is a public space. He asked that everyone who wants fairness and equity should support the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser. Chairperson Fuller asked for a roll call vote. A roll call was conducted. The vote was as follows: 22 "YES"; 4 "NO"; 8 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS". The motion was carried. The letter is to go to the Parks Department and the Elected Officials.

## PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE

A written report was submitted and distributed. The monthly "Parks Update" announced the McCarren Fall Clean-up event (November 16<sup>th</sup>) and provided the status of several projects that were currently under construction or in a planning stage.

<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> (Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes. (No questions will be entertained. Speakers are requested to submit their testimony in writing)

Chairperson Fuller who have signed up to come forward.

Ms. Jane Pool, resident, spoke in regards to the Women's Swim session at Metropolitan Pool. She had first heard about it from her friends who swim there, her friends are from Yemen. They use the pool. She learned that this swim time is a local issue that had been politicalized. Recently she went to the women's swim time. She said that women were packed into lanes and bumping into each other. She said that they need more time at the pool to swim.

Ms. Ester Weis, resident, spoke about increased hours at the pool for Women's Swim. She noted that her mother, who was almost 90 years old and a Holocaust survivor, was with her. She said that her mother had been swimming at Met Pool for many years for health and beauty. Since they cut down the women's swim time, she could no longer swim at the pool. They need additional times for women's swim.

Ms. Maria Aragona, resident, spoke noting that she and her family has lived in the community for many years. She said that she went to the pool to sign up and she felt that they treated her others like a nuisance.

Ms. Victoria Cambrenes, resident, thanked all for supporting the Women's Swim request for additional hours. She raised concern about the pool as it is a public asset. The area is subject to much development. She related that it is a tactic to first break the amenity then sell it. The pool is packed during women swim, but at the other hours for lap swimming, it is underutilized.

Mr. Harry Koeppel and Mr. James Barry, Co-founders of Middle Child Meadworks, spoke about their plans to open a meadery at 289 Meserole Street. They will be producing a beverage (like a wine product) that is a honey water based yeast beverage. There is a range of alcohol content

Mr. Ian Hanson, member of NYC Census, spoke about organzing to help the community build a movement on the census and try to reach everyone. They want to build up their network. They want to do move information. On November 26, 2019 they will be doing a teach in at the Grand Army Plaza Library.

Ms. Kim Fraczek, local resident with the Sane Energy Project, spoke about the large Fracked Gas Pipeline's construction in the neighborhood. She lives in the area that is in the path of the pipeline.

She was concerned about the pipeline's construction because it is not about modernizing the service and more about raising rates for its customers. The pipeline is a transmission gas line that will not service the affected community. Gas is not really clean energy. It will keep people dependent on fossil fuel.

Katherine Naplatarski, resident, said that she spoke already, but there should be a way that people can speak at the appropriate time, like during a committee report. She raised concern about the proposal for 171 Calyer Street.

Mr. Miceli, resident, spoke about 171 Calyer Street, and the historic background on the area. He was able to trace the historic back to the 1800's.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

A written report was submitted and distributed for review. She added that the Post Office is seeking to provide better mail delivery of packages to NYCHA developments. They have plans to locate trucks in the area where people can go to pick up their packages because there is a lack of room for a sufficient number of lockers. She said that she is asking again for input as to where these trucks could go at the NYCHA developments. She will bring the information to Brooklyn Post Master.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT.**

A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Alexis Rodrigues, from Council Member Reynoso's Office, said that he would bring the postal office information back and reach out to his NYCHA tenant contacts. This was the first time that he was hearing about this. He said that National Grid met with them recently and said that they were not planning on this pipeline and bringing in new fossil fuel energy. They said that the pipe work on Manhattan Avenue is replacing existing pipes. He said that they will go to the Public Service Commission as it seems that they may have lied. The Participatory Budget requests are being reviewed by City agencies at this time. There will be a "breaking of bread" evet at the Moore Street Market. There will also be performances. He spoke about some other events coming up, such as holding some short films and stories about the Southside.

Ms. Izabella Prusaczyk, from Assemblyman Lentol's office, noted that the Assemblyman was in support of the residents in the Historic District. He is working on legislation to address the problems raised about the rear yard usage in the Greenpoint Historic District.

Mr. Greer M. Mayhew, from Senator Kavanagh provided some updates. The new session is in January and the senator is looking into housing issues. They are also looking at the schools and matters with licenses. He is still moving forward with work on the issues with National Grid and its service for new customers.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was raised.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Viera asked that board members come out to the Housing and Public Housing Committee meeting tomorrow evening. She spoke about the "Public Charge" rule that was announced on the federal level. There are concerns about persons who are considered to be a public charge and losing their access to public housing and other public benefits (i.e. Section 8). These persons may be in danger. Rabbi Niederman related that this rule affects illegal immigrants and people with "Green Cards" (Green Cards are issued to "permanent residents", these are persons who are granted authorization to live and work in the United States on a permanent basis). This rule could affect other benefits that people receive. The committee meeting is at the CB#1's District Office, at 435 Graham Avenue, at 6:30 PM. The regulation is coming from Washington. Ms. Viera said that she was not the chair of the committee but made the announcement because it was important.

Ms. Kaminski noted that Poland recently celebrated its Independence and announced that in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Poland and the USA, there would be a series of events in the City and at the Polish and Slavic Center from November 16-24, 2019. The program is called "Paderewski Days Festival". She noted that flyers were available on the table. They will also have sessions at an open night to bring various immigration information for people to learn about.

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Ms. McKeever made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rabbi Niederman. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ATTENDANCE SHEET

(26 Members Constitute a Quorum for the Board Meeting & Public Hearing) DATE: Tuesday November 12, 2019

## **BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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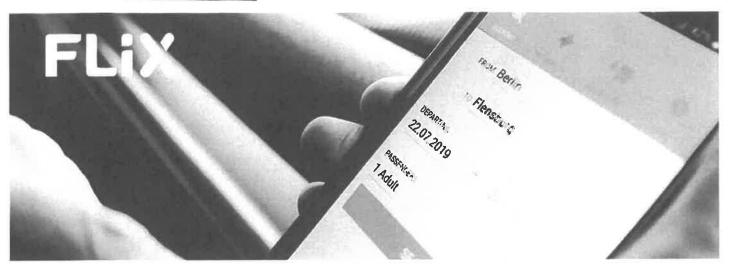


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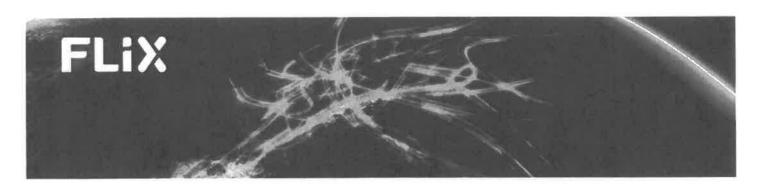
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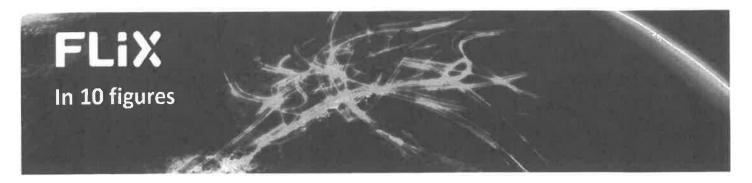
## FlixBus in Williamsburg

Brooklyn CB 1 - November 12, 2019

FLIX



	Our vision is smart and green mobility for everyone to experience the world.
Smart	Best value-for-money and most convenient booking
Green	Eco-friendly green fleet with best green house gas balance
Everyone	Accessible to a very broad target group and millions of passengers
Experience	Love brand for great travel experiences across thousands of cities



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Countries

>2,000



Destinations

>350,000



**Daily connections** 

>100m



**Total passengers** 

>90%



Brand recognition

>15Bn



Seat-miles / year

>300



**Network partners** 

>7,000



**Drivers @partners** 

>5 TB



Data points collected

1,200



Platform employees

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Business Model

## Our partnership business model

Our business model enables small bus operators to serve major network lines with the support of FlixBus's experience, quality, and recognition.

Our partners receive a percentage of revenue incentivizing quality performance

For the community, local partners means local jobs and familiarity with the roads and passengers

Our typical bus partner

107

Average fleet: 20 - 50 buses

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2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family-owned businesses

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Local/regional business expertise

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Core business: public transport, charter, school bus

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FlixBus accounts for 20-30% of total revenue

Network Planning & Litersing Marketing Sales + Operation of Routes and ownership of Buses

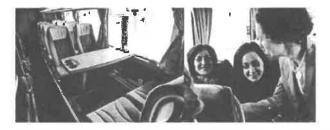
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Experience

## We provide consistent product experience

Standardization across all bus partners makes it possible for FlixBus to provide a consistent product experience to passengers.





# Modern Fleet Comfort seat spacing ADA accessible Restrooms on board Free Wi-Fi and on-board entertainment Power outlets Reserved seat option 8.5 ft 45.58

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Support

## Supporting our passengers and drivers at all times

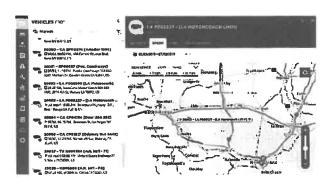
24/7 traffic control to support our drivers and stations



Our in-house traffic control center based in Los Angeles has full network visibility in real time



In case of operational irregularities, FlixBus drivers and stations can connect with the traffic control center for round-the-clock support



Dedicated customer service team



Live agents available 24/7



Courteous, professional service



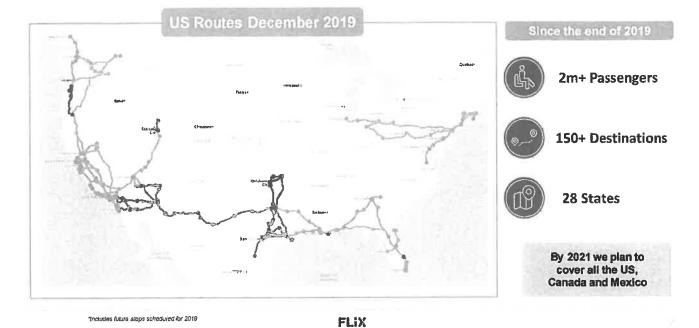
Assistance provided in English, Spanish and Mandarin



Trained to assist customers with any service-related scenario or question, including:

- Trip delays
- Stop location descriptions
   ADA-related requests and accommodations
- Adjustments to ticket reservations
- Additional support online and via social media platforms (monitored regularly)

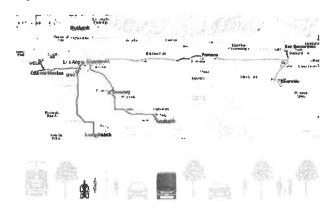
## Planned expansion: East Coast, Florida and Pacific NW



Stops

## Our multi-stop strategy: part of a data-driven planning approach, case study: LA

- Our multi-stop strategy brings passengers close to their destination
- Our stations are close to public transit to encourage car free travel
- No other company operates as many stops as FlixBus





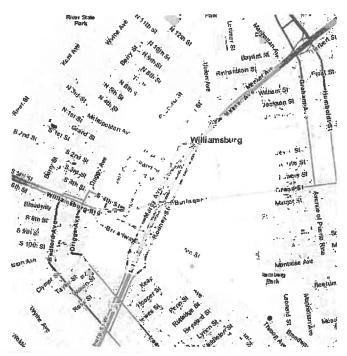






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## Stops Per Day: ~4



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## PARKS & WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:

Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB#1 Board Members

FROM:

Philip Caponegro, Committee Chair

Trina McKeever, Co-Chair

RE:

Committee Meeting held on October 30, 2019

The Parks & Waterfront Committee held a meeting on October 30, 2019, at 6:30 PM, in the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

ATTENDANCE: Present - Caponegro (Chair); McKeever (Co-Chair); Chesler; Cianciotta.

Absent - Cohen; Dybanowski; Elkins; Odomirok; Peterson. [A quorum was not present]

## 1.) Letter of Support for the Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park.

The Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park calls upon the Metropolitan Transport Authority to withdraw its RFP for the redevelopment of 40 Quay Street in Greenpoint & work with the Greenpoint & Williamsburg community to transform this waterfront site into a resilient public space.

## 2.) Letter of Support to upgrade the McCarren Park Handball Courts.

The Community is asking our elected officials and the NYC Parks Department for funding to replace the McCarren Park Handball Courts with a new updated facility.

PC/mbw



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Commissioner Sarah Carroll, Chair New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission David N. Dinkins Municipal Building 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North New York, NY 10007

RE:

**Docket LPC-19-38988** 

171 Calyer Street Brooklyn/2573/23

## **Dear Commissioner Carroll:**

Please be advised that at the regular board meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1, held on November 12, 2019, at 211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn, NY, the members received a report from the Landmarks Subcommittee. The report was in regards to proposed development at 171 Calyer Street in the Greenpoint Historic District. The report is attached.

Kindly be advised that the board members voted unanimously to support the following resolution:

The Greenpoint Historic District is characterized by its low-scale housing, constructed of wood, brick and stone masonry. The scale and massing of this proposal is not appropriate for this district. The proposed 7-story building (with large windows that are more appropriate for a loft building) is out of scale & not within the character of the Greenpoint Historic District at every level. For precedent, the applicant is relying on:

1) the existence of a utilitarian theater house at this location (one which was considerably smaller than the building they propose) rather than pre-1905 property maps; plot maps from prior to the construction of the theater, showing 3-story wood-frame buildings on 25' wide lots, reflecting the character and scale of the historic district,

- 2) on an existing non-contributing 5-story building across the street,
- 3) an existing non-contributing 6-story apartment building in the district,
- 4) and an apartment building outside the historic district entirely.

None of these precedents rise to the level to legitimize a building of this scale, and bulk, in a district characterized by low-scale buildings that typically are no more than 25' wide.

Beyond the height and massing of the proposed building, we urge the Commission to ask the applicant to rethink their design approach entirely. Neither the storefronts nor the window openings nor design of the facade itself are in keeping with the character of the Greenpoint Historic District. Even on this commercial street, Greenpoint deserves better.

The vote was as follows: 33 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Working for a Better Greenpoint-Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson

Dealice Fuller.

DF/mbw Attachment



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## LANDMARKS COMMITTEE (Land Use/ULURP Subcommittee) REPORT

TO:

Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and Board Members

FROM:

Trina McKeever, Landmarks Subcommittee Chair

RE:

Report from the Committee's November 4, 2019 Meeting

The Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee met in on November 4, 2019 to discuss: LPC APPLICATION (DOCKET #LPC-9-389880 – 171 Calver Street, Brooklyn – Block 2573, Lot 23) Regarding the Proposed Development of Property within the Greenpoint Historic District: presented by Sherida Paulsen, PKSB Architects.

Attendance: Teague, Viera, McKeever, Barros, Chesler, Kaminski, Weidberg, Rabbi Niederman Several concerned neighbors and community members attended the committee meeting.

[Note: project is NOT a land use item, the application requires public review and approval at Landmarks Preservation for Appropriateness of the design within the Greenpoint Historic District.]

Sherida Paulsen, PKSB Architects and former chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (2001-2003) reviewed the presentation that had been made at the October board meeting, noting that some changes were made to the proposal as a result of questions that had been raised:

- The entrance to the residential portion of the development was moved from Lorimer Street to Calyer Street. (garbage is to be collected on Calyer as well). The driveway entrance to the residential parking will remain on Lorimer Street.

- The granite cladding on the exterior of the ground floor commercial was changed to a brick pattern thought to better reflect the character of the historic district.

However, the scale of the development (rising to 7 stories, 75' height, 7,000 sf, 33 residential units with ground floor commercial) remained unchanged.

For precedent, the project points to 807 Manhattan Avenue, the three story rear addition to the Greenpoint Savings Bank, directly across the street from 171 Calyer, a project that in 2018 the LPC approved 2 setback additional floors in 2018, a six story apartment building on the corner of Lorimer and Noble built in 1949 and considered "noncontributing" in the Greenpoint Historic District Designation Report. And lastly, the Astral Apartments on Franklin Street, outside the Historic District itself.

Paulsen explained once again that the proposed 7 story massing could be deemed appropriate when considering the height and bulk of the rear of the Greenpoint Theater which had previously (1908 – 1965) occupied much of the space. The massing of the proposal (3 stories along Lorimer Street, rising to 5 then 7 and back to 5 along Calyer) mimics the elevations of the rear of the long gone theater. However, a 1905 NYC fire insurance map (see attached) show that along the block of Calyer Street, buildings were all 2 and 3 story wood-frame, with stores at the corners of Lorimer and Manhattan, residential buildings in between. Probably built as single-family homes, converted to multi-family. But the real point is the scale - 3-story wood-frame buildings on 25' wide lots, reflecting the character and scale of the historic district.

The massing of the former theater, the use of brick as building material and that the Lorimer Street facing elevation rises only to the height of the adjacent residential building comprise the architect's argument for Landmarks certificate of appropriateness.

The committee and community members expressed issue with:

- The sheer size of the development which will rise two stories above the Landmarks approved residential extention of the Greenpoint Bank, located directly across Calver Street
- The effect the scale will have on the fabric of the historic district and specifically on Lorimer Street itself.
- The logic of allowing the massing of the rear of a long gone theater drive the justification for appropriateness of the project
- The pattern and size of the window openings
- The anachronistic storefronts
- The size and color of the brick and mortar, the granite base

MOST OF ALL, there was unanimous outrage concerning the design of the proposal as a whole in which the rich character of the Greenpoint Historic District is completely absent.

The committee unanimously suggests that the Board send the following recommendation to Landmarks regarding the inappropriateness of the 171 Calyer Street Proposal:

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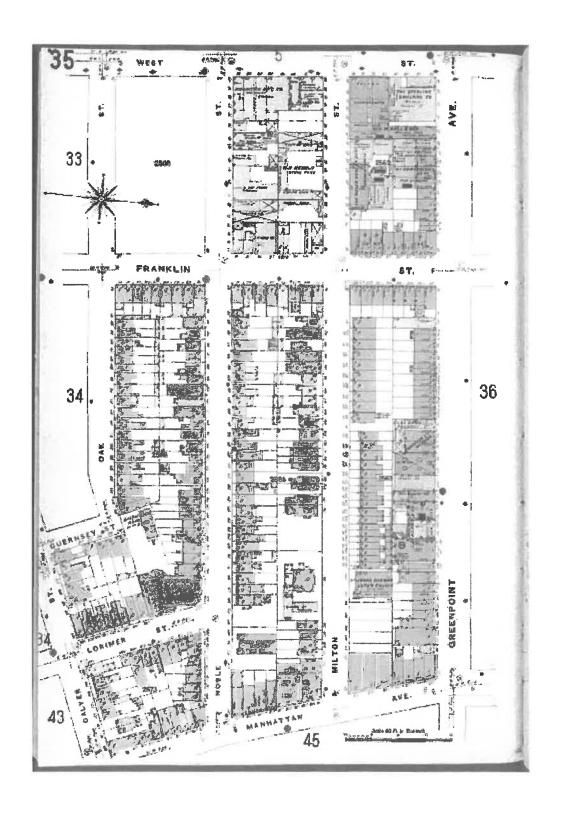
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**COMMITTEE REPORT** 

TO:

Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members

FROM:

Mr. Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair

SLA Review & DCA Committee

RE:

SLA Review & DCA Committee Report

for October 29, 2019

The SLA Review & DCA Committee met on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 PM, at CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Corner of Frost Street)

ATTENDANCE: Present – Burrows; Bachorowski; Barros; Cohen; Sofer; Solano; Stuart; Torres. Absent -Barricelli; Bruzaitis; Dybanowski; Foster (A quorum was present).

## A. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉS:

- 1) 18 BEDFORD AVENUE LLC, 18 BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11222-3102, Application # 1309076-DCA, 15 tables, 30 chairs. RENEWAL. [Justin Mongell/Owner] The Committee recommends denial. The establishment continues to have complaints that it is a bad neighbor.
- 2) VEBEH FIRST LLC, DBA HAVE & MEYER, BROOKLYN, NY 11211-6962, Application # 2048673-DCA, 6 tables, 12 chairs. RENEWAL. The Committee recommends approval.

3) 174 BEDFORD AVENUE BAR LLC, DBA CHARLESTON, 174 BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11249-2902, Application # 1259219-DCA. RENEWAL. [Mary McGillion/Owner]

The Committee recommends denial. The establishment continues to not observe regulations for an unenclosed sidewalk café. They do not have a wait service tables and do not serve food.

## **B. LIQUOR LICENSES:**

## **NEW**

- 1) Fulgurances LLC, 132 Franklin Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.) POSTPONED
- 2) Heritage Aristocraft Inc., dba TBD 198 Randolph Street Store 3, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
  - The Committee recommends approval.
- 3) Heritage Aristocraft Inc., 198 Randolph Street Store 3, (Catering Establishment New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest,)
  - The Committee recommends approval.
- 4) Hudson Table BK LLC., dba TBD, 88 Withers Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, event space)
  - The Committee recommends approval.
- 5) Jack Iron Inc., dba TBD, 65 Kent Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) The Committee recommends approval.
- 6) Juicerie IV LLC., dba The Butcher's Daughter, 265-271 Metropolitan Avenue, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.) POSTPONED.
- 7) L & S Pure Plant Corp, dba Bar Verde, 87 Verde Avenue (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.) Application was not in CB#1.
- Maverick Kwun Ming Wong, dba Kitsby Café Inc., 186 Grand Street (New, wine, beer, cider rest.)
  - Applicant did not appear.
- 9) Nola Brooklyn LLC, 360 Bedford Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) The Committee recommends approval.
- 10) Piccoli 804 LLC, dba Piccoli Williamsburg, 804 Grand Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest.) The Committee recommends approval.
- 11) Red Table Catering Inc., dba Thompson Brooke, 631 Grand Street, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility, private event)

  Application was withdrawn.
- 12) Sauced Rooster LLC, 331 Bedford Avenue, (New, wine, beer & cider, rest.)
  Applicant did not appear.
- 13) Shake Shack New York LLC, dba Shake Shack, 160 Berry Street, (New, wine, beer, cider, rest.)
  Applicant did not appear. Requested postponement.
- 14) Starlite Walker LLC, dba Ramona, 113 Franklin Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
  - The Committee recommends approval.
- 15) Thukpa House LLC, dba Momo Ramen, 160 Havemeyer Street # Store Number 3, (New, wine/beer, cider)
  - Applicant did not appear.

- 16) Travis Odegard, dba The Bees Knees, 135 Metropolitan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
  - Applicant did not appear.
- 17) Uncle Craig Inc., dba Long Haul Brewery, 52 Harrison Place, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, brewery rest.)
  - The Committee recommends approval (changed names).

## RENEWALS

- 1) 1 & 3 on 5th Corp, dba Fabianes Café & Pastry, 142 North 5th Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 2) 135 Studio N ADR Inc., dba Juliette Restaurant, 135 North 5th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 3) 221 North 4th Rest. Corp, dba Golden Years, 221 North 4th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer & cider)
- 4) 227 Grand Corp., dba Beats Karaoke & Belly Korean Bacon Shop, 227 Grand Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, karaoke cafe, rest.)
- 5) 258 Franklin LLC, dba Eagle Trading Company, 258 Franklin Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 6) Aluk 888 Inc., dba Chinese Musician, 151 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 7) BK Noodles Inc., 280 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 8) Caribbean Catch LLC, dba Pearls Bake & Shark, 187 North 8th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer & cider, rest.)
- 9) City Cafe Inc., dba Fushimi Japanese Cuisine & Lounge, 475 Driggs Avenue Unit A, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 10) Christina Polish Restaurant Inc., 853 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 11) Doctory LLC, dba Doctory, 353 Broadway, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 12) El Golpe LLC, dba Llama Inn, 50 Withers Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 13) Full Circle Bar LLC, dba Full Circle Bar, 318 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 14) Grand Republic Inc., 19 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 15) Jomyga Enterprises LLC., dba Oak & Iron, 147 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 16) Karczma Inc., 136 Greenpoint Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 17) Lafitte LLC, dba Sauvage, 905 Lorimer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
- 18) Motorino Broadway Inc., dba Motorino Broadway, 139 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 19) M Shaghai LLC., dba M Shanghai, 292 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/bar, cider, rest.)
- 20) One Stop Beer Shop, LLC dba One Stop Beer Shop, 134 Kingsland Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 21) Painting Lounge LLC., 309 Roebling Street, (Renewal, wine/beer, cider, [paint & sip])
- 22) Peanut Industry Inc., dba Velvet Lounge, 174 Broadway, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 23) Sea Thai Hospitality Inc. 114 North 6th Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 24) Silenth LLC, dba Café Colette, 78 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider)
- 25) Snacky Inc. dba Snacky, 187 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest
- 26) Starlite Walker LLC, dba Ramona, 113 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)

- 27) The 709 Lorimer St Rest Corp, dba Pete's Candy Store, 709 Lorimer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 28) Vabeh First LLC, dba Have & Meyer, 103 Havemeyer Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 29) Vanessas Dumpling House Inc., 310 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, rest.)
- 30) Villain LLC, dba Villain, 307 Kent Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, event space)
- 31) Williamsburg Corp, dba Williamsburg, 373 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest) [Since receiving the renewal, the establishment has closed]

  The Committee recommends approval of the renewals. It was noted that Williamsburg Corp...

dba Williamsburg has closed down.

## C. PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED APPLICATIONS.

The Grasshopper NYC Inc., dba The Grasshopper, 561 Lorimer Street, (New, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)

The Committee recommends approval.

Alvla Café Inc., dba Alvla Café, 252 Franklin Street 1R, (New, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee recommends approval.

Carrol Hall LLC, 30 Morgan Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, catering facility (Private Events Only)

The Committee recommends approval.

Mighty Diamond Restaurant Corp, dba Mothers, 347 Graham Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee recommends approval.

Amant Café LLC, dba TBD, 932 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, café) - Postponed. 74 Wythe Tenant LLC, dba Spice Factory Williamsburg, 74 Wythe Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee recommends approval with stipulations signed.

25 Broadway Brooklyn INC., dba TBD, 64 Meserole Avenue, (New, wine/beer, bar, tavern)

The Committee recommends approval pending additional signatures.

## The next meeting of the SLA Review & DCA Committee is:

WHEN:

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

TIME:

6:30 PM

WHERE:

CB#1's District Office

435 Graham Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Corner of Frost Street)



## District Manager's Report Community Board No. 1 Brooklyn

TO: All Board Members

FROM: Gerald A. Esposito

**District Manager** 

**RE:** November 12, 2019

- 1. Complaint Tally Sheet for October 2019.
- 2. District Service Cabinet Meeting Minutes October 17, 2019.
- 3. Con Edison Safety Tips RE: Gas Leaks.
- 4. NYC Parks Brooklyn Commissioner, Martin Maher RE: The Site under the Williamsburg Bridge.
- 5. Historic District Council, the Advocate for New York City's Historic Neighborhoods RE: The Historic District Council Needs Your Help to find the 2020 Six to Celebrate!
- 6. United States Census RE: Apply Online! 2020 census.gov/jobs.
- 7. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation RE: Round 15 EPF Grants Period Open!!
- 8. Social Security Administration RE: Social Security Highlights.



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November 12, 2019

TO:

FROM: RE:

ALL BOARD MEMBERS GERALD A. ESPOSITO, DISTRICT MANAGER COMPLAINT TALLY SHEET – October 2019

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INFO REQUESTS	354
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Respectfully submitted, Marie Bueno Wallin Assistant District Manager



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## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito called the District Service Cabinet Meeting to order and noted the agenda. It was a round robin session. He asked the members to introduce themselves and report.

SANITATION - DSNY/BK1 Garage - Superintendent Justin Gormely spoke the plans that the department has for the winter months. He noted that they were preparing for snow storm events. There is a change to night collection for the winter months in Section 11 (North 8th Street and above). There may be a spill over into Section 12. Some collection trucks would be on different shifts (8pm-11pm or 12mid.-4am). They will be practicing with their equipment for the snow season (i.e. plows). The trucks will have GPS devices that will show where the trucks are and what streets were plowed. They will also have a lot of new workers practicing for snow through the streets. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked about the sweeper trucks as there was a discussion at the last meeting that the agency was making plans to purchase smaller vehicles to do street sweeping. There were concerns about the sweepers being able to get through the areas that have bike lanes. Supt. Gormely said that they have a prototype of a smaller size sweeper that runs on diesel fuel. It is in the testing phase. Ms. Messer, from DOT, related that DOT is working with DSNY on how to address this matter. They do not want to solve one problem and cause another one. Chief Tague, FDNY, related concerns about accessing fire hydrants on one side of Grand Street. They can no longer get a pumper truck in at the hydrant. He suggested that there be no parking for 30 feet at the hydrants.

TRANSPORTATION – Ms. Ronda Messer, Director of Community Affairs/Brooklyn DOT, related that they would be following up on the Grand Street issue with the hydrant access. In addition, they will be looking into the BQE-Wythe Avenue exit. They are planning to do counts in that section. District Manager Mr. Esposito related that a lot of people jump off at that exit, looking to get back on at Flushing Avenue. The volumes need to be looked at. The counts were from 2013. They have gone up since then. If they can't totally solved the problem, perhaps they

may be able to do some remedy. There was some success on Flushing Avenue with the left turn. A walk through is needed for this.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE** – Ms. Tejunmade Ajaiyeoba, Brooklyn Coordinator/DOHMH spoke about the flu season. It has begun and that DOHMH was giving out flu shots. To find out about getting the flu shot, a text could be sent to: Text877877.

**BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT** – Mr. Ben Colombo, Liaison/DOB Brooklyn, spoke about a local law that was being implemented about single occupant bathrooms. Single-occupancy, publically-accessible restrooms are to become gender-neutral, in both public and private buildings. There was promotional literature regarding the new designation requirement.

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – Ms. Abigail Banks, IGIA/NYC Emergency Management related that the Hurricane Season is now upon us and that the anniversary of Hurricane Sandy is coming up. She noted that presentations are available from the agency'

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES** – Ms. Yuri Sanchez, Outreach Coordinator/DHS, noted that there was a CAB meeting planned for the Clay Street facility.

NYPD – P.O. Rivera, 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Community Affairs, noted that they were preparing for the Marathon scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The local streets will be impacted (i.e. Bedford Avenue, Greenpoint Avenue, McGuinness Blvd.).

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Paul Tague, 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, spoke about storm preparation for the coming months.

The agenda was completed and the meeting was adjourned.



Kyle Kimball Vice President Government, Regional & Community Affairs

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### THE ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

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November 2019

Dear Community Board District Manager,

The Historic Districts Council needs your help to find the 2020 Six to Celebrate!

Soon to be in its ninth year, the Six to Celebrate program provides strategic resources to neighborhood groups at a critical moment to reach their preservation goals. Community activists learn to use tools such as documentation, research, zoning, landmarking, publicity and public outreach to advance local preservation campaigns. The selected groups receive HDC's hands-on help strategizing and implementing all aspects of their efforts over the course of the calendar year, as well as HDC's continued support in the years to come.

Since the program's inception in 2011, HDC has helped Six to Celebrate groups protect their local historic resources through such tools as NYC landmark designation (50 Individual Landmarks and 13 Historic Districts have been designated); the National Register of Historic Places (5 districts and 3 individual properties have been listed); contextual zoning (one neighborhood was down-zoned to maintain scale and character); and neighborhood surveys (19 have been undertaken, resulting in the documentation of thousands of historic buildings across the five boroughs). We have also assisted in leveraging over \$130,000 in private and public grants for these community-driven projects and organized countless public programs to raise awareness and garner support. Neighborhoods selected also benefit from professionally-designed websites, illustrated walking tour brochures, press attention, public program planning, growing audiences and new contacts in the field.

Please spread the word to community groups who are working to maintain and protect neighborhood character and historic resources. Enclosed are an Application Form and a brochure with further information. You can also find the Application Form on our website <a href="www.hdc.org">www.hdc.org</a> or we will mail you more (just call 212-614-9107 or send an email to <a href="bthomas@hdc.org">bthomas@hdc.org</a>). The deadline for nominations is Monday, December 2, 2019, and the Six to Celebrate will be announced in early 2020.

Sincerely,

Simeon Bankoff
Executive Director





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Every year, the Historic District Council's Six to Celebrate program selects 6 neighborhood initiatives and actively advises and enhances their preservation campaigns.

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Apply at <u>6tocelebrate.org</u> by Monday, December 2, 2019!

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PROPOSED SITE / NEIGHBORHOOD
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## **HOW TO APPLY**

Please send the following items as digital documents on one flash drive or by email to: bthomas@hdc.org

## **CHECKLIST OF ENCLOSURES:**

- \_\_\_\_ A completed Application Form.
- Up to 20 labeled, current images (photos or scans) that illustrate the site/neighborhood – the good and the bad. Images must be JPEG files, at least 300 dpi. Please make sure HDC has permission to use these images
- \_\_\_\_ A map showing location and boundaries.
- Optional further documentation such as articles, historic images, landmark nomination forms or reports (please do not send originals).

### SEND TO:

Six to Celebrate Historic Districts Council 232 East 11th Street New York, New York 10003

Applications are due on Monday, December 2, 2019.

Please save a copy for your files. We will contact you if more information is needed.

We encourage you to contact HDC prior to submission to discuss your application. Please contact Brittney Thomas at bthomas@hdc.org or 212-614-9107, ext. 10.

Selection of the SIX TO CELEBRATE will be based on a combination of factors, including completeness and clarity of the material submitted, architectural and/or historical significance of the area, current threats to the area, need, and geographic distribution in New York City. Contacts for the six chosen will be notified in December 2019, and the sites will be announced in January 2020.

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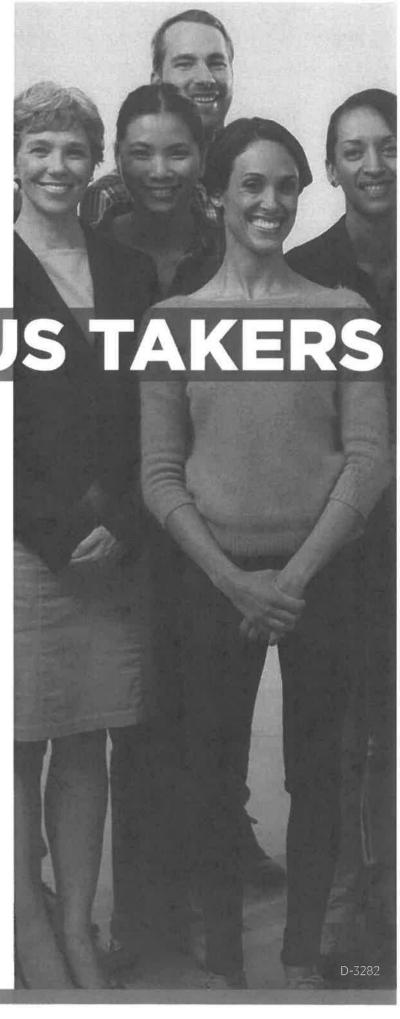
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## Round 15 EPF Grants Period Open!!

October 3, 2019 by Michelle Sutton



10/03/2019

## DEC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECTS \$1.2 Million in Grants Available to Increase Number of Public Trees and Strengthen Community Forest Programs Statewide

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced up to \$1.2 million in grant funding is available for urban forestry projects across New York. Grants are available for tree planting, maintenance, tree inventory, community forest management plans, and for educating those who care for public trees.

"Urban and community forests help improve our air and water, save energy, mitigate the negative effects of climate change, and enhance quality of life for New Yorkers living in the city and the suburbs," **said Commissioner Seggos**. "New York State is committed to protecting and enhancing the state's urban forests and the grants announced today are a valuable tool to support local projects to develop and manage these resources."

Eligible applicants include municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, soil and water conservation districts, community colleges, not-for-profit organizations, and Indian Nations or tribes. Awards will range from \$11,000 to \$75,000, depending on municipal population. Tree inventories and community forest management plans do not require a match. Tree planting, maintenance, and education projects have a 25 percent match.

Funding for these projects is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and is administered by the Urban and Community Forestry Program in DEC's Division of Lands and Forests. Supported by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's record \$300 million sustained investments in the EPF, as well as partnerships with communities, environmental groups, and civic organizations, New York has significantly improved the health of community forests. Looking forward, Governor Cuomo recently announced that in next year's State of the State address, he will introduce an aggressive nation-leading habitat initiative called "Revive Mother Nature." Revive Mother Nature will support critical environmental restoration efforts, like the urban forestry projects being sought today, to help increase fish and wildlife habitat while also making communities more resilient in the face of climate change and severe weather. DEC regional urban foresters are available to provide applicants with technical assistance. DEC staff will review completed grant applications and select recipients based on established rating criteria, including cost-effectiveness, projected benefits, use of recommended standards in implementation, community outreach, education, support, and economic impact.

DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program will host a webinar on Oct. 10 at 10:00 a.m. to educate potential applicants on the grants process and answer questions.

Interested applicants must apply for the grant in Grants Gateway. Instructions and application information about the Oct. 10 webinar are available online at the New York State Grants Gateway website. Not-for-profit applicants are required to prequalify in the Grants Gateway system. DEC recommends that applicants start the process well in advance of the grant application due date. Paper or hand delivered grant applications will not be accepted.

The deadline for applications in Grants Gateway is Dec. 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, call DEC's Division of Lands and Forests at (518) 402-9428 or visit DEC's website and search for "urban forestry."

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- 2 FREE UP YOUR TIME BY USING MY SOCIAL SECURITY



## The Social Security Star

## SOCIAL SECURITY HELPS VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS



Every year on Veterans Day, our nation honors the people who risk their lives to protect our country. Social Security's disability program is an important part of our obligation to wounded warriors and their families.

For military members who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website answers many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims.

Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

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If you've worked and paid taxes into the Social Security system for at least 10 years and have earned a minimum of 40 work credits, you may be eligible for your own benefits. Once you reach age 62, you may be eligible for your own Social Security benefit whether

you're married or not and whether your spouse collects Social Security or not. If you're eligible and apply for benefits on more than one work record, you generally receive the higher benefit amount.

The sooner you start planning for retirement, the better off you'll be. We have specific information for women at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/women">www.socialsecurity.gov/people/women</a>. Email or post this link to friends and family you love.

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benefits; and request
replacement documents, like a
Medicare card. If you aren't
currently getting benefits, you
can check your earnings record,

get estimates of your future benefits, and view your Social Security Statement. In many states, you can even request a replacement Social Security card online. See everything you can do with a my Social Security account and open one today at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

You don't need a my Social Security account to:

- Select or change the way you receive information from Social Security if you are blind or visually impaired at www.socialsecurity.gov /people/blind.
- Block electronic and automated telephone access to your personal information at www.socialsecurity.gov /blockaccess.
- Apply for extra help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs at www.socialsecurity.gov /extrahelp.

Be sure to share my Social Security with friends and family. By freeing up their time, they may plan on spending more of their valuable time with the people they love.

## CERTAIN DISABILITY PAYMENTS AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION MAY AFFECT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS



Many people working nowadays have more than one job. This means they have several sources of income. It's important to keep in mind that having multiple sources of income can sometimes affect your Social Security benefits; but, it depends on the source.

Disability payments from private sources, such as private pensions or insurance benefits. don't affect your Social Security disability benefits. Workers' compensation and other public disability benefits. however, may reduce what you receive from Social Security. Workers' compensation benefits are paid to a worker because of a job-related injury or illness. These benefits may be paid by federal or state workers' compensation agencies, employers, or by insurance companies on behalf of employers.

Public disability payments that may affect your Social Security benefits are those paid from a federal, state, or local government for disabling medical conditions that are not job-related. Examples of these are civil service disability benefits, state temporary disability benefits, and state or local government retirement benefits that are based on disability.

Some public benefits don't affect your Social Security disability benefits. If you receive Social Security disability benefits, and one of the following types of public benefits, your Social Security benefits will not be reduced:

- Veterans Administration benefits;
- State and local government benefits, if Social Security taxes were deducted from your earnings; or
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

You can read more about the possible ways your benefits might be reduced at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/E">www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/E</a> N-05-10018.pdf.

Please be sure to report changes. If there is a change in the amount of your other disability payment, or if those benefits stop, please notify us right away. Tell us if the amount of your workers' compensation or public disability payment increases or decreases. Any change in the amount or frequency of these benefits is likely to affect the amount of your Social Security benefits.

An unexpected change in benefits can have unintended consequences. You can be better prepared if you're informed and have financially prepared yourself. Visit our benefits planner webpage at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners for information about your options for securing your future.

## SEASONAL WORK WHILE GETTING SOCIAL SECURITY



Many people pick up side jobs when the holiday shopping season comes around. It's a good way for you to make some extra income during the busy season or ease back into working if you have been out of the labor force for a while. We're here to help you navigate working seasonally if you get Social Security.

You can get Social Security retirement or survivors benefits and work at the same time. But

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if you're younger than full retirement age and earn more than certain amounts, your benefits will be reduced, although not dollar for dollar. Your benefits may increase when you reach full retirement age. You can read more about working while retired at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/whileworking.html">www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/whileworking.html</a>.

If you receive Social Security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), special rules also make it possible for people to work and still receive monthly payments. If you want to try working again, seasonal work may help you ease back into the work force. Read Working While Disabled at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/E N-05-10095.pdf or visit our Ticket to Work website at https://choosework.ssa.gov for more information.

We also have an easy-to-share video introducing people to Ticket to Work at choosework.ssa.gov/library/me et-ben-an-introduction-to-ticket-to-work.

Keep in mind that you must report all earnings, including your seasonal earnings, to Social Security. Your earnings also count toward your future benefits. You earn Social Security credits when you work in a job and pay Social Security taxes. We use your total yearly earnings to figure your Social Security credits. You can learn more at

www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/E N-05-10072.pdf.

Having a job can bring positive change to your life in a number of ways, providing independence, fulfillment, and community involvement.

Social Security is here to help. Please share this information with friends and family.

Do you suspect someone of committing fraud, waste, or abuse against Social Security? SSA's OIG Fraud Hotline takes reports of alleged fraud, waste, or abuse.

Reporting is easy, safe, and secure. You can reach us by internet, phone, mail, or facsimile.

Internet: Fraud Reporting Form https://www.ssa.gov/fraudreport/ oig/public fraud reporting/form .htm

U.S. Mail: Social Security Fraud Hotline P.O. Box 17785 Baltimore, Maryland 21235

FAX: 410-597-0118

Telephone: 1-800-269-0271 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

TTY: 1-866-501-2101 for the deaf or hard of hearing.

Note: If you cannot reach a representative on the Fraud Hotline between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, you can report Social Security program fraud directly to any Social Security office, including representatives at the SSA's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. SSA employees will take your information and send it directly to our office.



## Community Board 1 Monthly Parks Update - November 12, 2019

## McCarren Fall Clean-Up

Please join NYC Parks, the McCarren Park Recreation Center, and the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance in cleaning up McCarren Park. We'll be raking leaves and mulching tree beds.

The event begins at 10am next Saturday, November 16th. Please meet at the McCarren Park Field House.

## La Guardia Playground and Penn Triangle

Construction at La Guardia Playground and Penn Triangle, two parks being renovated as part of the City's Community Park Initiative (CPI), has begun. The Community Parks Initiative provides investment in public parks in neighborhoods that are densely populated, growing, and contain higher-than-average concentrations of poverty and need.

La Guardia Playground's Phase one will renovate the handball and basketball courts, add a new adult fitness area, and completely reimagine the entry plaza to the park. The project includes new plantings, trees, and rain gardens.

Penn Triangle's transformation will increase permeability on the park site and replace all of the old playground equipment with new.

Both projects are anticipated to take a year to complete.

## CB1 currently has the following projects under construction:

- LaGuardia Playground Phase 1 sports courts reconstruction began fall 2019 and will be complete fall 2020;
- Penn Triangle began fall 2019 and be complete fall 2020;
- Ten Eyck Playground Comfort Station to be complete early 2020.

## We have several projects not yet under construction:

- Bartlett Playground construction to begin spring 2020 and end spring 2021;
- Box Street Park in design. Community Board 1 voted to approve June 11, 2019;
  - o Demolition of structures on site anticipated to begin mid-2020 after the relocation of the Paratransit vehicles;
- Bushwick Inlet Park:
  - Motiva in design;
  - o 50 Kent construction to begin late summer 2020;
- Cooper Park Comfort station –construction to begin spring 2020 and be completed fall 2021;
- Epiphany Playground construction start date unknown due to litigation;
- Jaime Campiz construction began on courts spring 2018 and was completed summer 2018, adult fitness pending change order registration;
- LaGuardia Playground Phase 2 playground Construction anticipated to begin spring 2020 and will be complete spring 2021;



- Marcy Green scope meeting held June 26, 2019. Construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and be complete spring 2022;
- McCarren Park natural turf softball fields –construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and completed spring 2022;
- McCarren Recreation Center reconstruction of roof and exterior masonry walls. Construction will begin late fall 2020 and be completed spring 2022;
- McGolrick Park Paths to begin spring 2020 and completed spring 2021;
- Sternberg Synthetic turf and basketball lights construction likely to begin fall 2019 and be complete fall 2020;
- Ten Eyck Plaza construction anticipated to begin spring 2021 and be complete spring 2022;
- William Sheridan Playground construction likely to begin fall 2020 and be complete fall 2021.

## Funded projects awaiting a public input meeting:

• None at this time.



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Public Safety & Human Services Environmental Protection Education & Youth, Women's Issues REFERRED TO RE: Grants Action News, September 2019, Vol, 33, Issue 10. Factsheet Brownfield Cleanup Marina, 43-57 Oak Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Program RE: Greenpoint Assemblyman 50th District New York, NY 10001 Brooklyn, NY 11211 360 West 31st Street 619 Lorimer Street Tel: 718-383-7474 Joseph R. Lentol 21 Penn Plaza Lagan 10/11/19 10/25/19 d Ž



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Environmental Protection	Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks
Fact Sheet Brownfield Cleanup Program RE: Former Consolidated Freighways, Truck Terminal, 11 West Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222.	276 Bedford Avenue Overlay Extension. Reference No. 200158MK.
10/25/19 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	City Planning Commission Department of City Planning 120 Broadway, 31st Floor New York, NY 10271-3000
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10/31/19	11/1/19
Trina Mckeever Board Member	John Waldman Regional Sr. Director of Government & Community Relations America Red Cross
RE: Board Member Committee Assignments.	RE: The American Red Cross of Greater New York is actively recruiting engaged community leaders to join their team as Community Relations Ambassador Volunteers.



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Housing & Public Housing	Transportation
RE: The 2019 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan is the City of New York's Amended, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.	RE: NYC Ferry South Williamsburg Landing Work.
City Planning Commission Department of City Planning 120 Broadway, 31 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10271-3000	Radhy Miranda Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Relations New York City Economic Development Corporation
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Request for Interview RE: Impacts of Commercial Vacancy in Greenpoint.			
11/06/19 Jason Scott Mencher Graduate Student from Culumbia			
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## ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB #1 Board Members

FROM:

Rabbi David Niederman, Attendance Committee Chair

RE:

Committee Attendance Compilation

October 10, 2019 - November 12, 2019

The following committee has met to date. Attendance at the meeting is indicated.

ommittee	<b>Meeting Date</b>	Member's	Attendance
oard Budget	10/28/19	Present:	Viera; Caponegro; D'Amato; Foster; Teague; Torres
		Absent:	Peterson
LA Review & DCA	10/29/19	Present:	Burrows; Bachorowski Barros; Cohen; Sofer; Solano; Stuart; Torres
		Absent:	Barricelli; Dybanowski; Foster
		Absent:	

Executive	10/30/19	Present:	Fuller; Weidberg; Viera; Caponegro
		Absent:	Weiser; Teague; Iglesias
Parks & Waterfront	10/30/19	Present:	Caponegro; Mckeever; Cianciotta; Chesler;
		Absent:	Cohen; Dybanowski; Elkins; Odomirok; Peterson;
Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks	11/04/19	Present:	Teague; Viera; McKeever: Barros; Chesler; Kaminski: Rabbi Niederman: Weidberg
		Absent:	Indig; Katz; Nieves; Sofer: Solano; Weiser
Transportation	11/06/19	Present:	Bruzaitis; Argento; Elkins; Gangone; Odomirok; Stuart
		Absent:	Weiser; Gallagher; Goldstein; Green; Klagsbald; Kuonen; Nieves; Schlesinger
Attendance	11/07/19	Present:	Bruzaitis; Peterson
		Absent:	Rabbi Niederman

## 2019 CB #1 BOARD MEMBER REGULAR MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

Member's Name	1/8	2/12	3/12	4/9	5/14	6/11	7/9	8/13	9/10	10/10	11/12	12/10	Ab¹6
Gina Argento (BP)	P	A	P	P	A	A	N	N	P	A	P		4
Bogdan Bachorowski (BP)	P	P	P	P	A	A	0	0	A	P	P		3
Lisa Bamonte (BP)	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	A		1
Louis Barricelli (BP)	P	P	P	A	A	A	М	М	A	A	A		6
Gina Barros (34)	P	A	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	A		2
Eric Bruzaitis (34)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P		0
Thomas J. Burrows (34)	P	P	P	P	P	P	Т	T	P	P	P		0
Iris Cabrera (34)	P	A	P	P	P	P	I	I	P	P	P		1
Philip Caponegro (BP)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	P	P	P		0
Frank P. Carbone (33)	P	P	P	P	P	P	G	G	P	P	P		0
Stephen Chesler (33)	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	A	P		1
Michael Chirichella (BP)	P	A	P	P	P	A	N	N	P	P	A	1	3
Theresa Ciancciotta (33)	P	A	P	P	A	A	0	0	P	P	P		3
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Arthur Dybanowski (33)	P	P	P	P	A	A	E	E	P	A	P		3
T.Willis Elkins (33)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	A	P	<b>†</b>	1
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Joel Gross (BP)	A	A	A	P	A	P	0	0	P	A	P	+	5
Sonia Iglesias (34)	P	P	P	A	P	P	۲	-	P	P	P	+	1
Moishe Indig (BP)	P	P	P	A	P	P	М	M	P	P	A	+	2
Bozena Kaminski (BP)	P	A	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	+	1
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Ryan Kuonen (33)	P	A	P	P	P	P	N	N	P	A	A	+	4
Yoel Landau (BP)	P	A	-	-	P	P	G	G	P	P	P	-	0
Marie Leanza (34)	P	P	P	P	-	A	6	G	P	P	P	+	2
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Trina McKeever (33)	P	P	P	P	A	P	-	-	P	P	+	-	4
Toby Moskovits (BP)	A	P	P	P	P	A	-	-	A	A	P	+	+
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Karen Nieves (34)	P	A	P	P	P	P	0	0	A	P	A	+	3
Mary Odomirok (33)	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	-	0
Janice Peterson (34)	A	P	P	P	P	A	M	M	P	P	P	+	2
Dana Rachlin (BP)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	-	0
Michael Gary Schlesinger (BP)	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	A	-	1
Isaac Sofer (BP)	A	P	P	P	P	P	T	T	P	P	P	+	1
Robert Solano (34)	P	P	A	P	P	P	I	1	P	P	A	-	2
James Stuart (BP)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	P	A	P	-	1
Del Teague (BP)	A	P	P	P	P	P	G	G	A	P	P	-	2
Tommy Torres (BP)	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	-	0
Maria Viera (33)	P	P	P	P	P	P	1	1	P	P	P	+	0
Stephen Weidberg (BP)	P	P	A	P	P	P	_	_	P	P	P	-	1
Simon Weiser (33)	P	P	A	P	P	P			P	P	P		1
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## Tally:

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Present	42	34	37	42	38	37			44	36	38	
Absent	8	16	13	8	12	13			6	14	12	
Excused Absence												
Total	50	50	50	50	50	50			50	50	50	



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November 12, 2019

## BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

TO:

Chairperson Dealice Fuller, Chairperson

and Board Members

FROM:

Maria Viera, Committee Chair

and Financial Secretary

RE:

Committee Report, Meeting held on October 28, 2019

The Board Budget Committee met at 6:30PM, on Monday, October 28, 2019, in the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue.

ATTENDANCE:

Present - Viera, Chair; Caponegro; D'Amato; Foster; Teague; Torres.

Absent - Peterson.

Also present were: Steve Chesler; Eric Kuhn.

A quorum was present.

Ms. Viera opened the meeting. A quorum was noted. The committee met to continue its discussion on the Council Discretionary Funding (\$42,500). The committee members worked towards finalizing a list of suggestions for this funding that could be presented to the full board for a vote.

A package of reference materials was made available for the committee members to peruse. The package included any comments received for this fiscal year's funding. It was noted that only two comments were received regarding the funding. One comment was from Mr. Sofer, fellow board member. His suggestions, regarding purchasing tablets for board members, were not clear and the committee is reaching out to him for further clarification.

There was a discussion on the board's website. It was noted that the website is hosted by the City of New York under the Department of Information and Technology (DoITT). The board is bound to DoITT's specific criteria for hosting. The City has a goal to meet the new guidelines for accessibility, therefore the current system will undergo modifications per these new guidelines. There are growing accessibility challenges for websites. The District Manager, Mr. Esposito will conduct further research into the status of the migration and how any potential content is modified. There was a discussion on the gridded calendar format that is now displayed. Mr. Esposito noted that CB#1 is trying to retain the gridded format as it is a useful feature for all. It was noted that CB#5 in Queens has a website that appears to utilize the updated format and has the gridded calendar. There are flow issues with content. The City hosts the site and changes are made by the website team at DoITT.

There was a discussion on cost for Internet access. At the current time the access is free under a prior arrangement with the Bloomberg Administration. However, once the board changes its access, the cost would change and it will no longer be free. The current access is at a slower speed. There is a need for faster speed, in order to accommodate better access and allow other users (such as a "guest user" feature). It was noted the funding for this upgrade would only extend to the end of June, when the fiscal year expires. The cost for this upgrade is \$100 per month (plus an installation fee of \$100).

Ms. Viera spoke about a CRM system to manage items such as constituent contact lists. The cost ranges anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000. This expense is also subject to the fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020) limitations. It was mentioned there were concerns raised at another community board, related to the system's vulnerability and risk. There are currently no guarantees the information gathered is not exposed to any threats. Also, there are concerns with the product itself, as currently the product is BETA, which is a testing phase.

The committee discussed trainings for board members, such as professional development and sensitivity. There was a discussion on exploring potential training offerings (i.e. Zoning and Land Use), to be distinguished from free training options. A suggestion was made to provide trainings for board members, the staff, and community members.

District Manager Mr. Esposito related that the lease for the district office is under negotiation between DCAS and the owner. Any improvements to the infrastructure for telephones or internet may not be useful if the board's office would have to move.

The committee members discussed cosponsoring events, like a job fair or health fair, with local organizations to leverage resources that could be used to enhance the event (Ex. partnering with NYPD and Bicycle Safety, as they can provide free giveaways, like helmets and lights). Other suggested events were: presentation on rent laws, forum for senior citizens to learn about using technology/computer, going online, using email services. Document and communication translation services were also raised as being important.

The committee discussed live streaming. At the current time, this feature costs \$3,300 per month. Live streaming of meeting would be held until June of the current fiscal year.

Child care services were deemed logistically complex and could run costly (liability, space). A new "Resource Directory" would be useful and could be in a digital format. An editor for this could also be engaged with the funding.

The committee members agreed to present a list of possible uses of the funds to the full board for its feedback. There was a suggestion to develop a listing that the board members could use to indicate their level of agreement. A ranking system could be used. This will enable the committee to have essential guidance as it formulates a final presentation on use of the funding. A presentation is planned for the full board at its December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was suggested that a consultant could be hired for a resource development or trainings.

The list is as follows:

- (1) Cosponsoring an event and the costs associated with it
- (2) Sound system upgrading (for board meetings and other events)
- (3) New wireless microphone(s)
- (4) Continued Live Streaming (for the four months that remain unfunded this fiscal year @\$3,300 a month)
- (5) Upgrade internet access in the office (\$100 a month, plus \$100 installation cost) for faster speed.
- (6) CRM (could run up to \$30,000; the BETA price quote is \$10,000)
- (7) Board Development/Training (comparable costs are needed)
- (8) Sensitivity Training for Board Members (comparable costs are needed)
- (9) Free Standing Cross Cut Shredder (on City contract/\$799.00)

The committee requests that the above list be considered by the Board Members. The members are to provide their input by ranking the list and providing it to Ms. Maria Viera, the Board Budget Committee chair as soon as possible. Email can be directed to her via the Board's regular email: <u>bk01@cb.nyc.gov.</u>

The next meeting of the committee is as follows:

WHEN: Monday, November 25, 2019

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: CB#1's District Office

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Please rank the following listing, from 1-8. With #1 being your <u>first</u> choice and following down the numbers where # 8 is your <u>least</u> choice.

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Dear Board	Member:
•	de your feedback regarding the proposed use of the funding. Email back your ranking as soon You may also bring it to the board meeting.
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	Continued Live Streaming (for 4 months remaining this fiscal year @\$3,300 a month)
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	CRM (up to \$30,000)
	Board Development/Sensitivity Trainings
	Free Standing Cross Cut Shredder (on City Contract/\$3,000)
Respectfully	Submitted by:
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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from Monday, Monday, March 18th, 2019 Meeting

The Transportation Committee met Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 (CALLED TO ORDER: 6:45 PM; ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM) in the CB #1 DISTRICT OFFICE 435 GRAHAM AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11211 (CORNER OF FROST STREET).

A quorum was NOT met.

## ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bruzaitis; Argento; Elkins; Gangone; Stuart; Odomirok.

Absent: Weiser; Gallagher; Green; Kuonen; Nieves; Schlesinger; Solano.

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: Community Board 1 Office

435 Graham Ave Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Corner of Frost Street)

## AGENDA:

1. <u>CALYER TRIANGLE INTERSECTION</u>. Proposal to improve safety conditions at the intersections of Calyer, Franklin & Banker Streets. - by Dan Keezer, resident of CB#1.

## \*\*SEE ATTACHED POWER POINT PRESENTATION\*\*

- Mr. Dan Keezer presented his plan to close the slip, add clearer street markings, signage and signals a, this location. The plan presented is a very comprehensive and laudable amateur attempt to address the concerns of cyclists, motorists and pedestrians who have been frustrated for years by the often dangerous conditions at this location. Noted were the number of injuries & 1 death adjacent to this site. Consideration was taken not only to address the public's concerns, but also the needs of the existing manufacturing businesses located at the site.
- Ms. Jessica Cronstein, of NYC DOT Plaza Program attended to provide insight on potential implementation: She established that the application process for the next round of Pedestrian Plazas begins in April, 2020 thru June, 2020. Some elements of Mr. Keezer's plan are outside

the criteria for establishing a plaza. It may be more appropriate to implement some of the improvements in the near future, study the effects of those changes, and revisit a plaza proposal at that time.

• Ms. Elizabeth Adams, Assistant to Councilmember Stephen Levin also attended: Ms. Adams has been in contact with DOT, as well as local business, Silk Road to be a potential maintenance partner should a plaza at this location be warranted. There have been discussions for some months at CM Levin's office to see improvements made to this site. Ms. Adams will follow up with NYC DOT Borough Commissioner Bray & staff.

### • COMMITTEE:

Mr. James Stuart: Clarified that the proposal as conceived will result in the loss of 4 parking spaces; DOT must take into consideration the large volume of new pedestrian and cyclist traffic that will result from all the new residential development over the next year.

Ms. Mary Odomirok: After some discussion on the increase in traffic on Calyer (unofficially attributed to Google Maps suggesting it as a route from the tip of North Brooklyn to the Williamsburg Bridge), Ms. Odomirok was concerned that the change in stops and turns in the plan will put an additional burden on that street and cause problems on adjacent streets. Ms. Cronstein of NYC DOT noted that the number of turns are the same, but only a proper engineering study could suggest additional negative traffic conditions.

Mr. Tommy Torres: Asked for clarification on the CB's role in the process. CB1 will have a future public hearing on the matter if a proposal from NYC DOT is announced. The Transportation Committee will make a recommendation to the full board for a vote at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. T. Willis Elkins: Added to the suggestion that some safety measures could be implemented in advance of a formal plaza project. Detailed issues he personally, and community members have had with transiting this site on bicycles over the years and noted that there are many opportunities for serious future injuries or deaths at this location: it is a pinch point where many trucks, and all the safety issues with them, share the road with regular motorist, pedestrians and cyclists...a perfect storm of bad.

## • Public:

Mr. Kevin La Cherra: Asked that DOT consider that as Bushwick Inlet Park fully comes on line, there will be additional pedestrian and cyclist traffic to and from the park. This will be in addition to the hundreds of new housing units due to open in the very near future.

Also mentioned that there has been a significant increase in truck traffic on Mesrole Street which is causing safety concerns for those using or transiting that street.

Mr. Philip Leff: Thought that the plan as presented was a good one. Hopes that something positive can be done at this location to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

- \*\*Without Quorum the Transportation Committee recommends that the Full Board request a formal study of the conditions at this location, with respect to Mr. Keezer's proposal\*\*
  - 2. MASPETH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS: GREC. Update on walk-thru with GREC members and NYC DOT detailing traffic calming measures on Maspeth Avenue from Morgan Avenue to Woodpoint Road and adjacent streets. Eric Bruzaitis

Mr. Eric Bruzaitis: Using a detailed letter drafted by Mr. Paul Kelterborn, a member of GREC,
Mr. Bruzaitis ran thru the problem areas discussed at a walk-thru with NYC DOT Deputy
Borough Commissioner Claudette Workman and her staff on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many of
these issues have been discussed at previous CB1 Transportation Committee meetings and have
yet to be addressed by NYC DOT.

Since the walk-thru (and committee meeting), Ms. Workman has communicated with Ms. Elise Golden, GREC Coordinator, and a future meeting to determine solutions will be announced shortly.

Please take a moment to review the attached letter for greater detail.

## 3. OLD BUSINESS.

Conditions on West Street were tentatively scheduled to be on the agenda for this meeting, however Mr. Ian Thornell, Project Liaison, NYC Department of Design and Construction and NYC DOT could not commit to attending to address concerns from the public.

Ms. Elizabeth Adams noted that Mr. Ben Solitaire in CM Levin's office is working with the chair to schedule a meeting in the near future to review conditions. It is the hope of the committee that we can have all city representatives with jurisdiction of this project attend a future Transportation Committee meeting to update the board and community on the very frustrating conditions on this corridor.

Thanks to Mr. T. Willis Elkins for assembling community concerns.

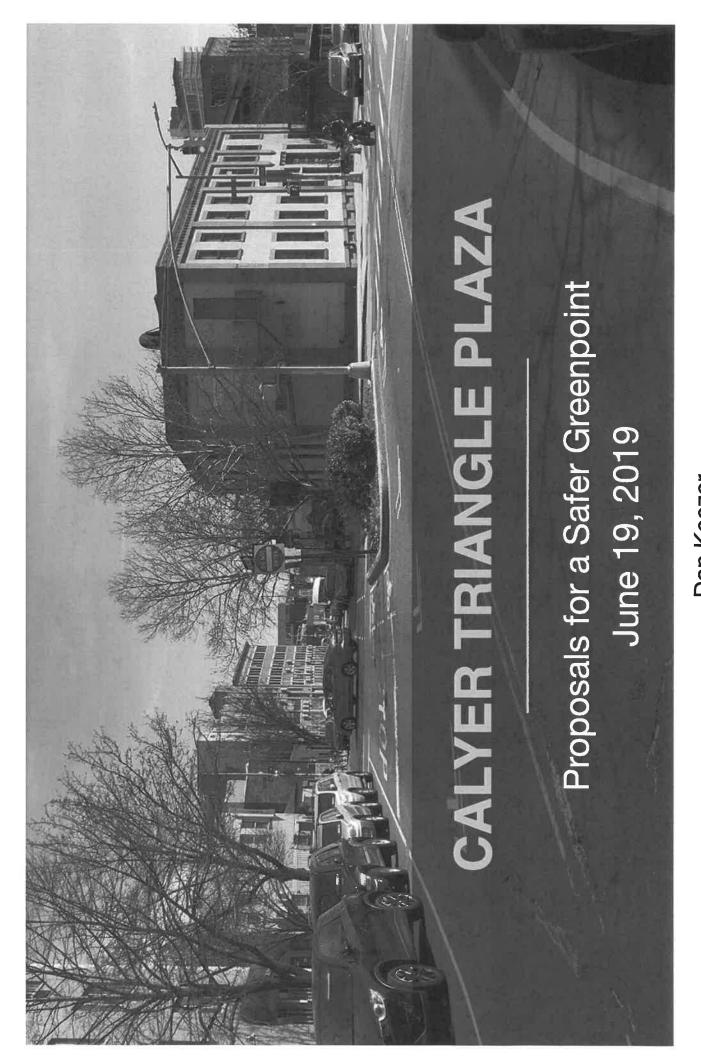
In addition, please see attached October 7<sup>th</sup>,2019 letter from Transportation Alternatives and Bike New York, et al to NYC DOT.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS.

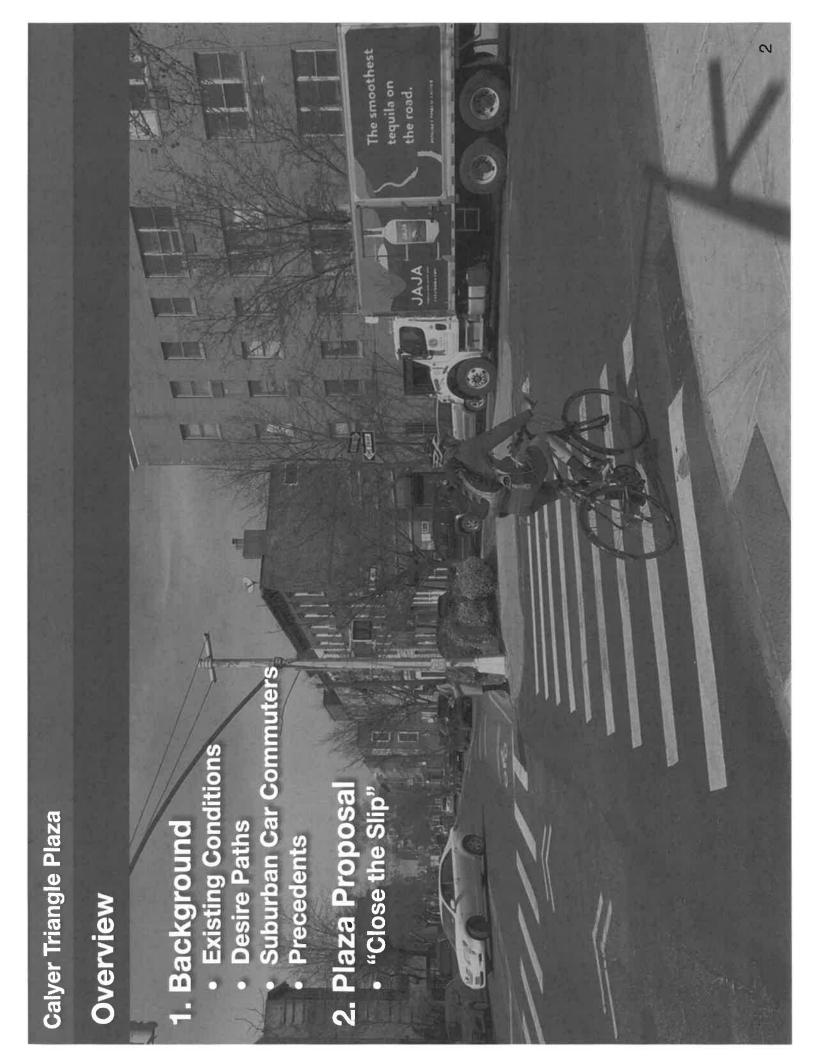
Ms. Juany Ramirez, Mr. Nelson De los Santos & Mr. Jose Cuello representing New Brooklyn Car Service appeared to ask for a renewal of their base license.

\*\*Without quorum, the committee recommends full board approval.\*\*

Mr. Kevin La Cherra noted that in the new round of City Council District 33 Participatory Budgeting, there is a push to increase the number of speed cameras in the district.



Dan Keezer Local Community Member dankeezer@gmail.com



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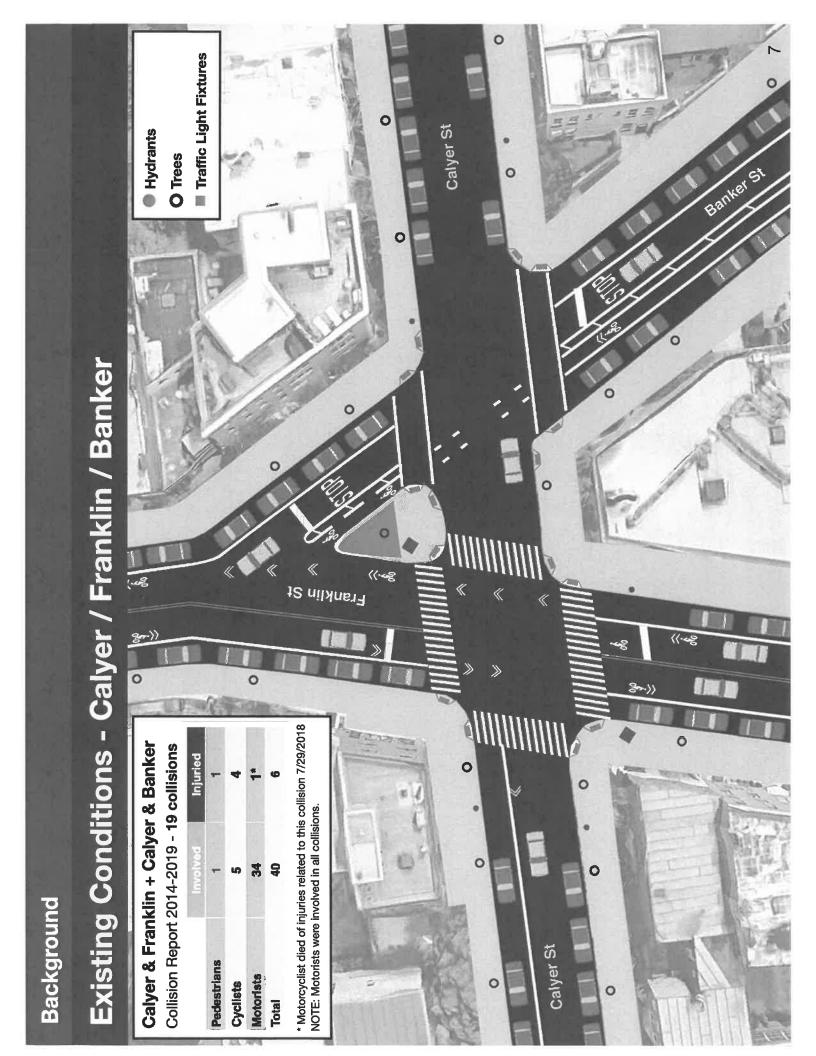
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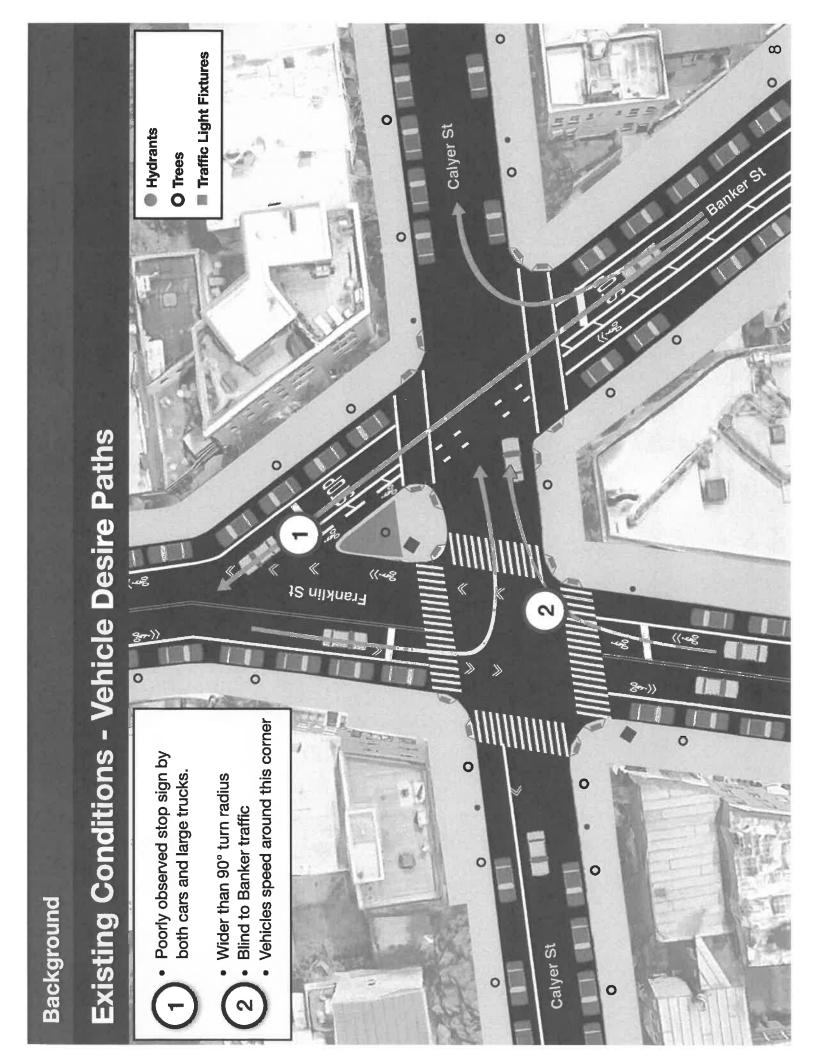
This space can be reclaimed to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists while continuing to serve the adjacent manufacturing and residential areas.

- West St. and Greenpoint Landing coming online soon.
- West St. was rezoned in 2005 allowing for mixed-use mega-projects.
- Greenpoint Landing is a 22 acre, 4.2 mil sq ft project north of Calyer.
- This intersection will see more bike traffic.
- Calyer Place five building mega-project a block away is in development.
- This intersection will see many more pedestrians.
- The community can use this space for meeting and activities.
- Central location connecting Manhattan Ave, West St and Greenpoint Ave.

# NYC DOT should reconsider the uses for this unique space.

- Let's make Calyer Triangle Plaza a reality!

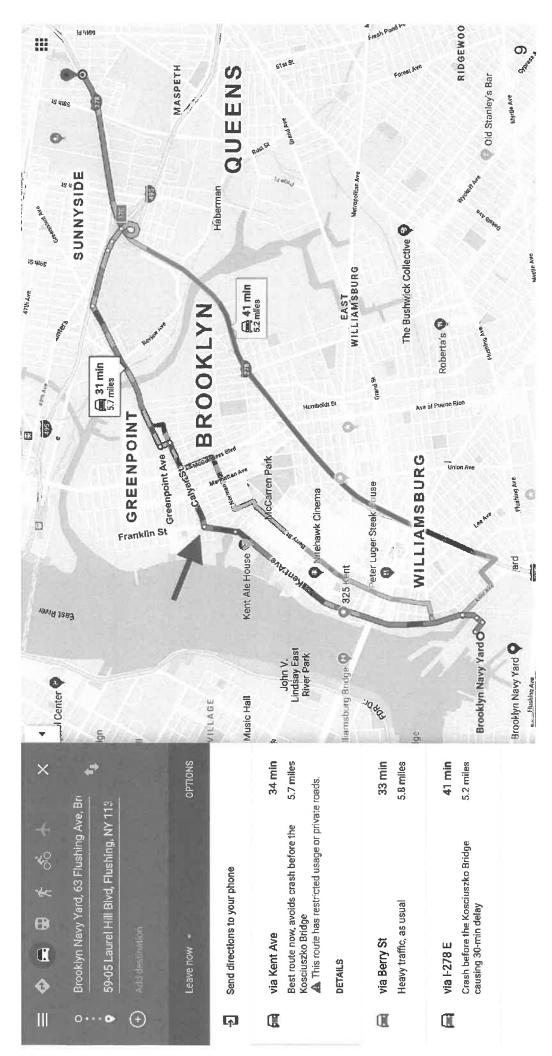




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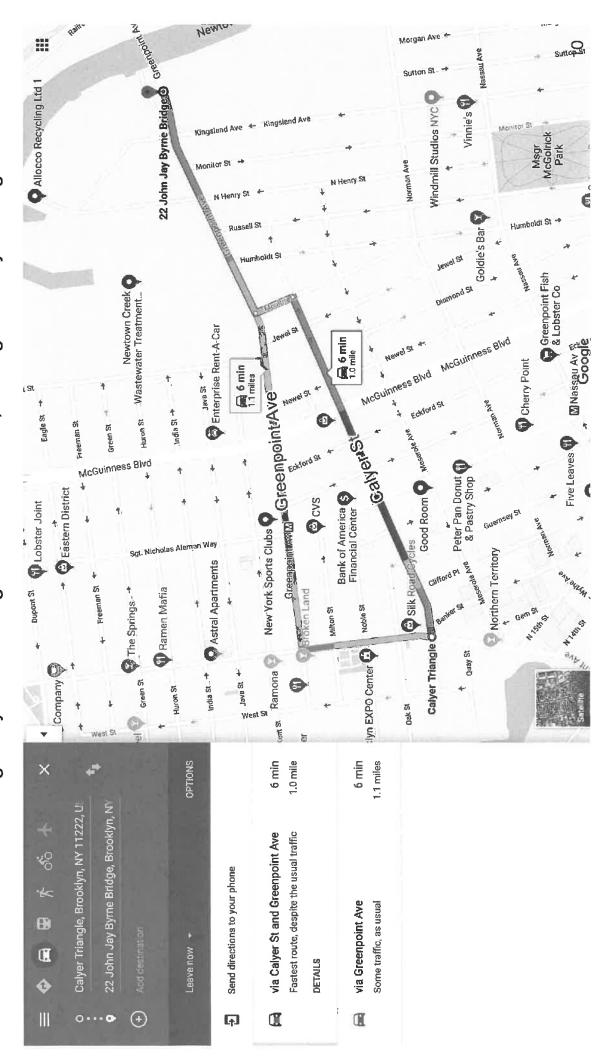
- Google Maps recommends Calyer as a shortcut for car commuters as far south as the Navy Yard traveling to all points north on the BQE.
- These vehicles should be using Greenpoint Ave as a through street, not Calyer.
- Also: Traveling northbound, Calyer is the first street with access to McGuinness Blvd.

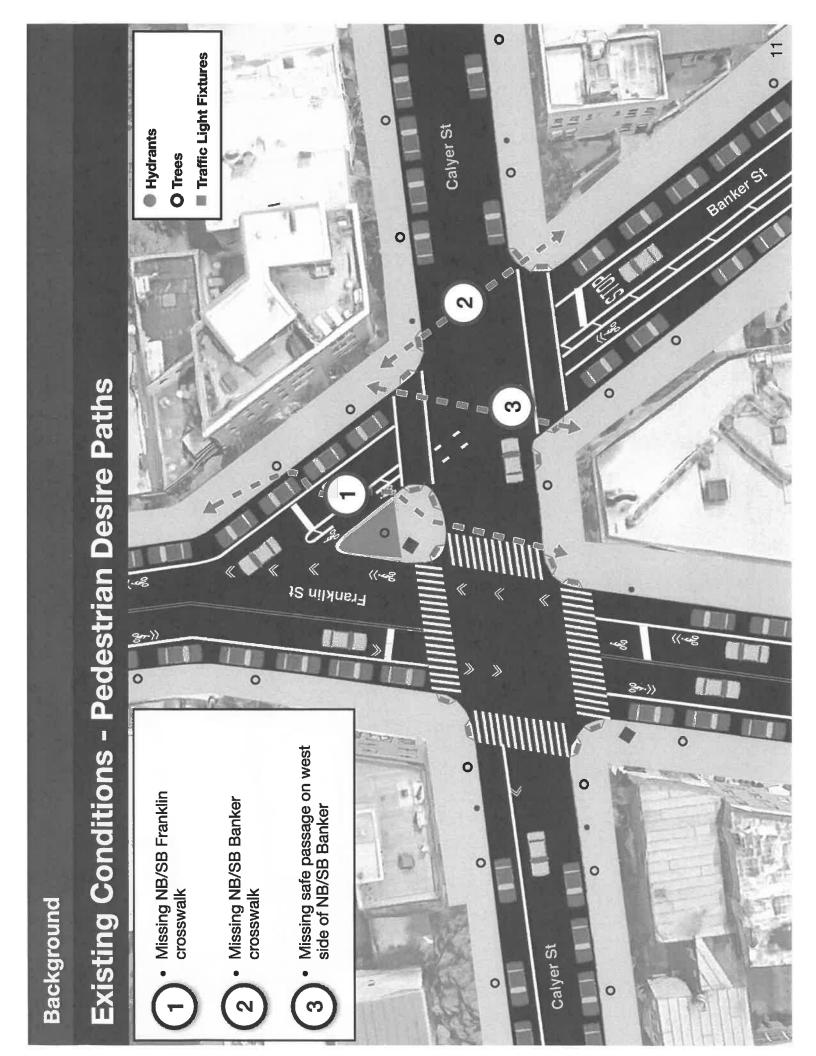


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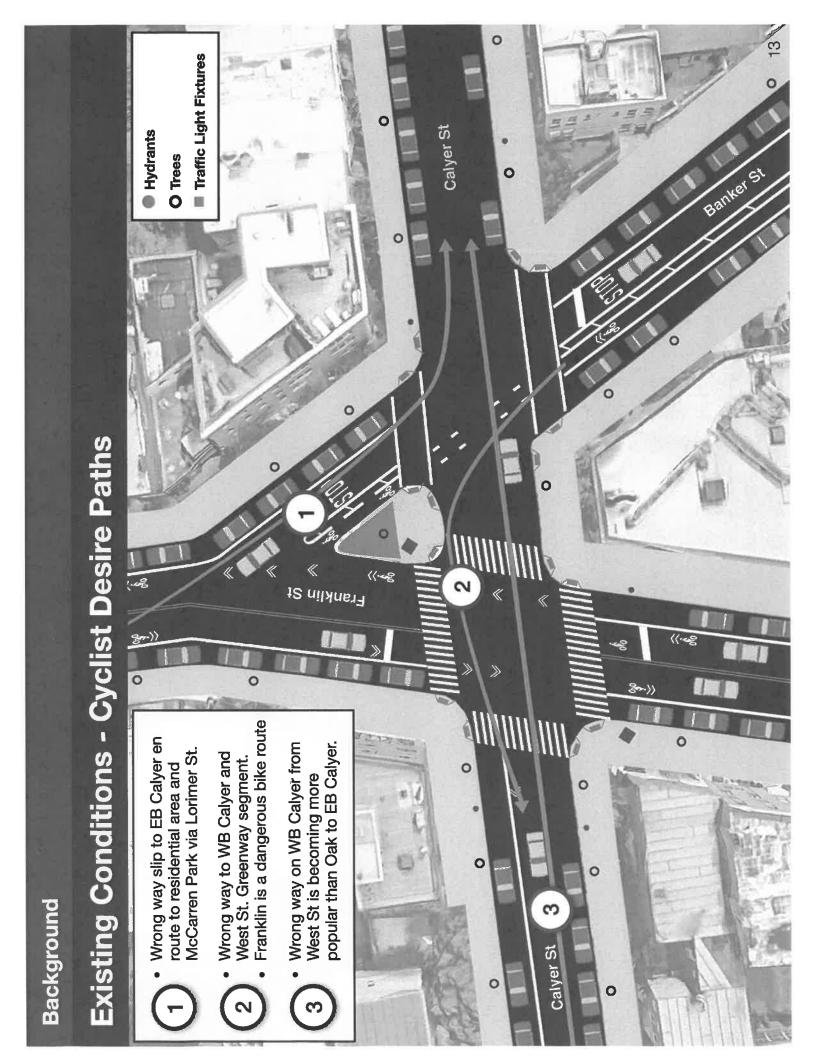
- There is less congestion on Greenpoint Ave. Google suggests Calyer because it's one tenth of a mile shorter.
- NYC DOT should discourage Calyer as a through street to the BQE, starting with Calyer Triangle Plaza.





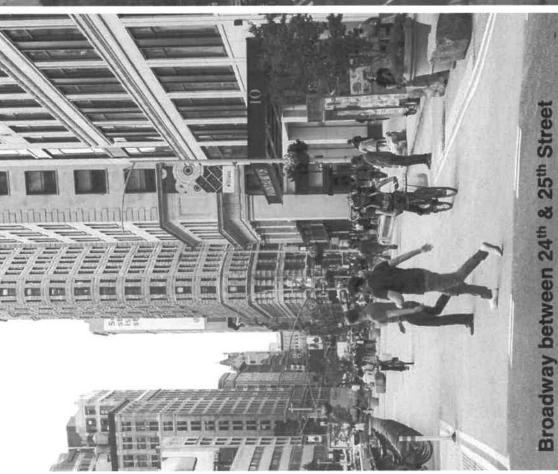
#### Calyer Place: 5 buildings yielding just under 1 million square feet. 10,000 square feet dedicated to commercial use Over 600 new parking spaces 1 block away from Calyer Triangle Over 700 new apartments Background

Calyer Triangle



### Precedents - Interim Materials



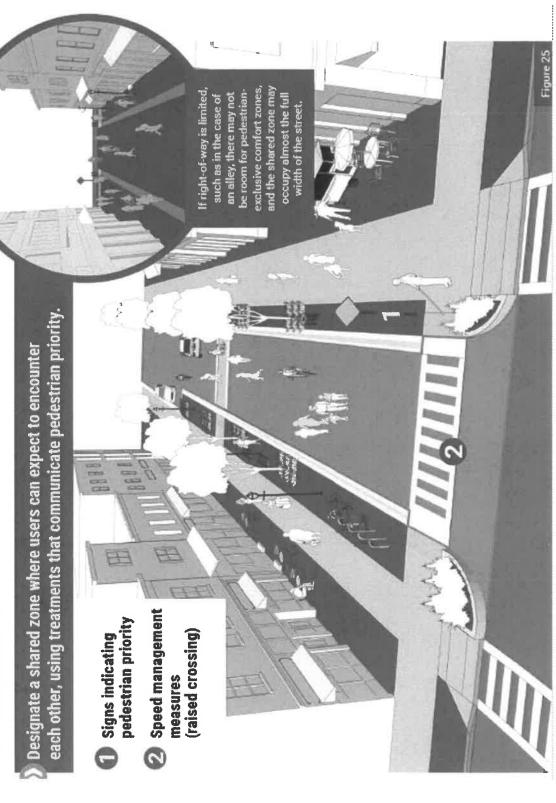


### Precedents - Interim Materials



## Precedents - Accessible Shared Streets

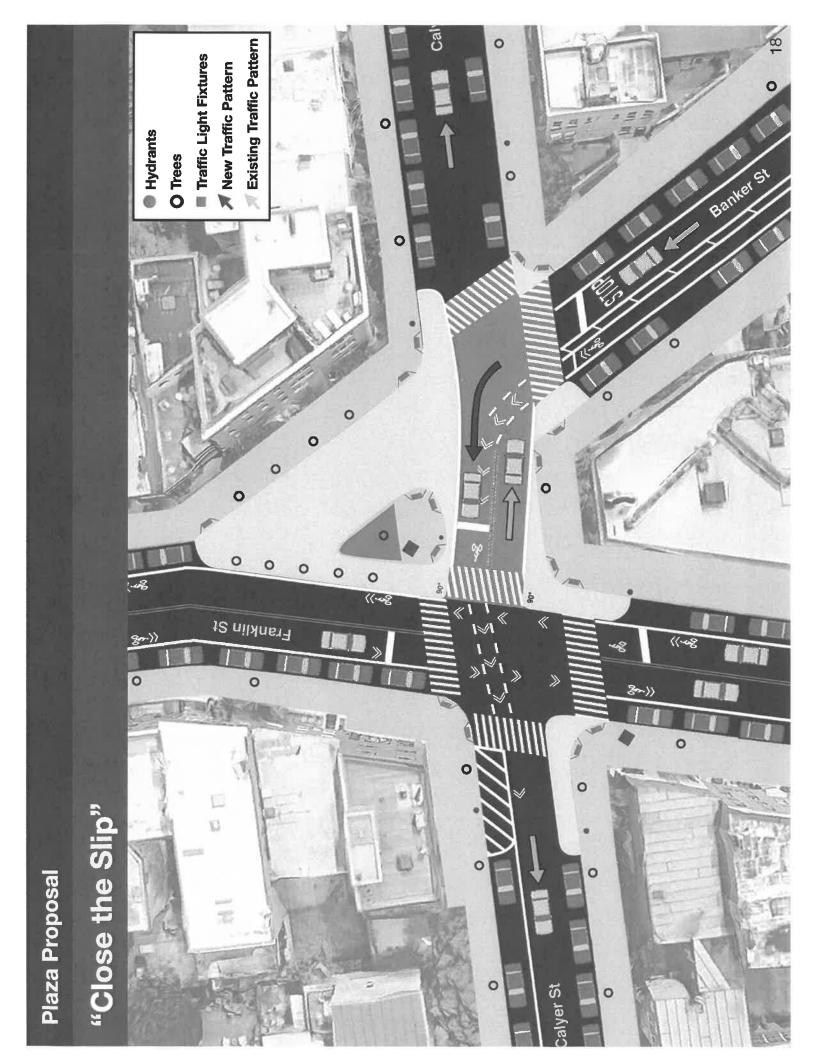
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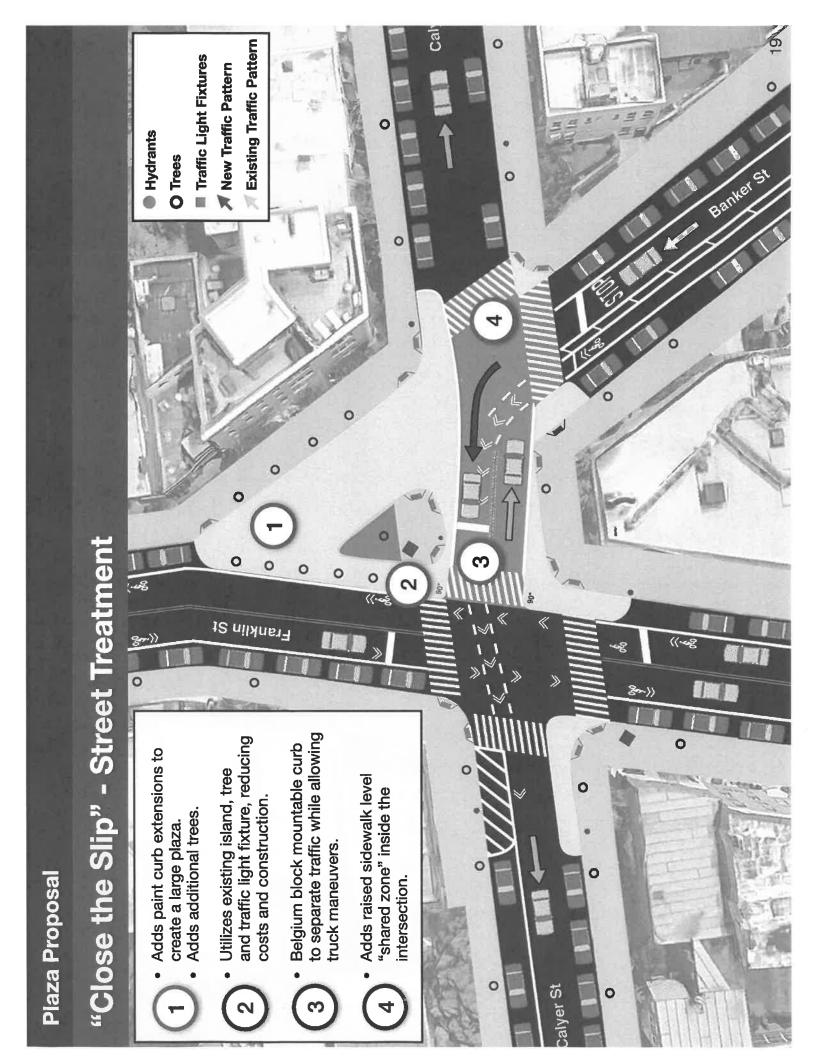


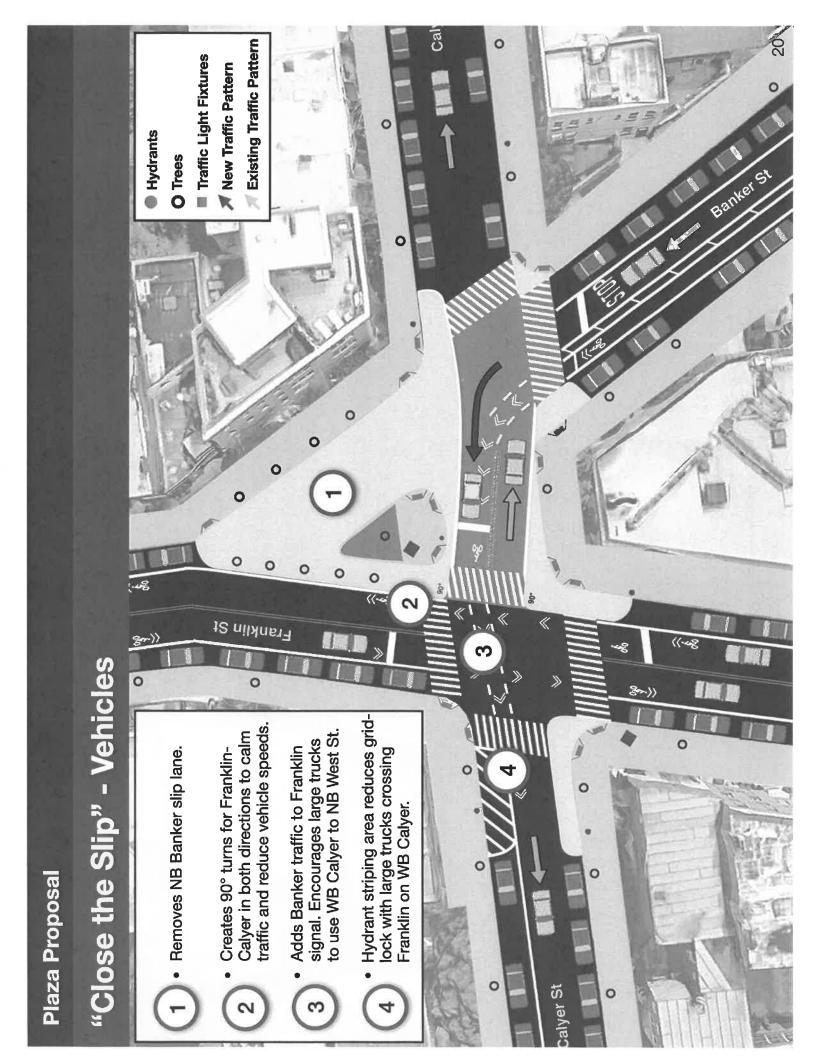
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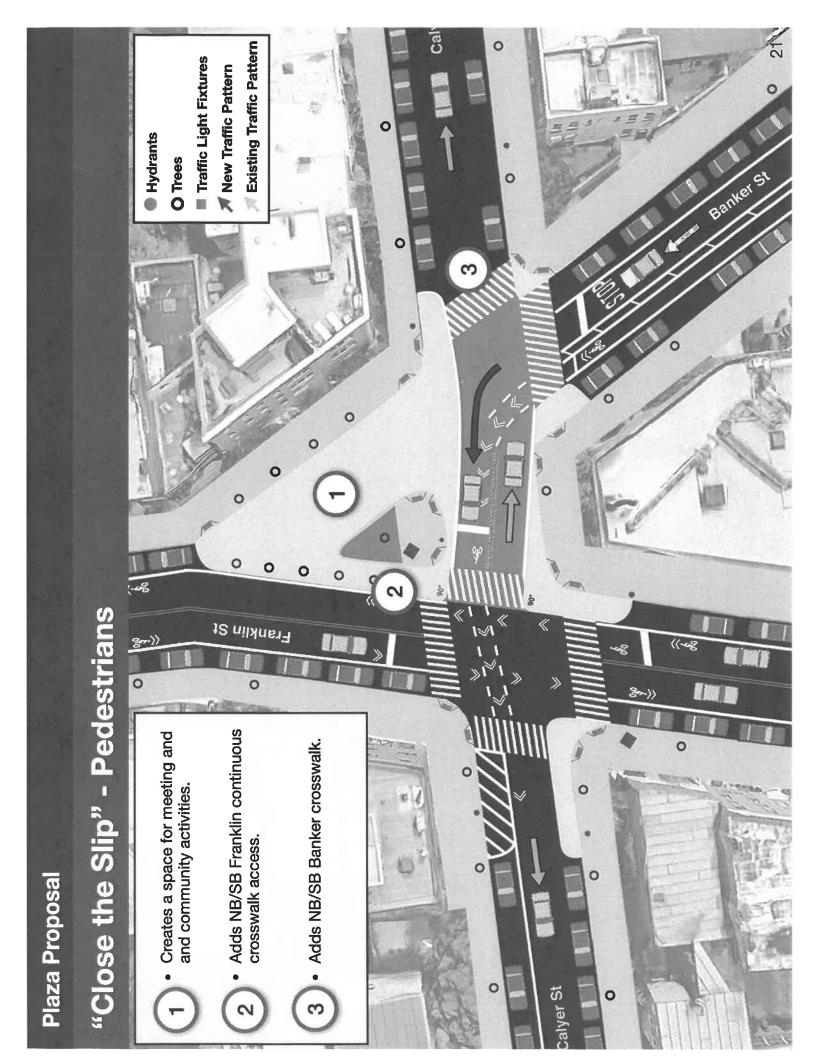
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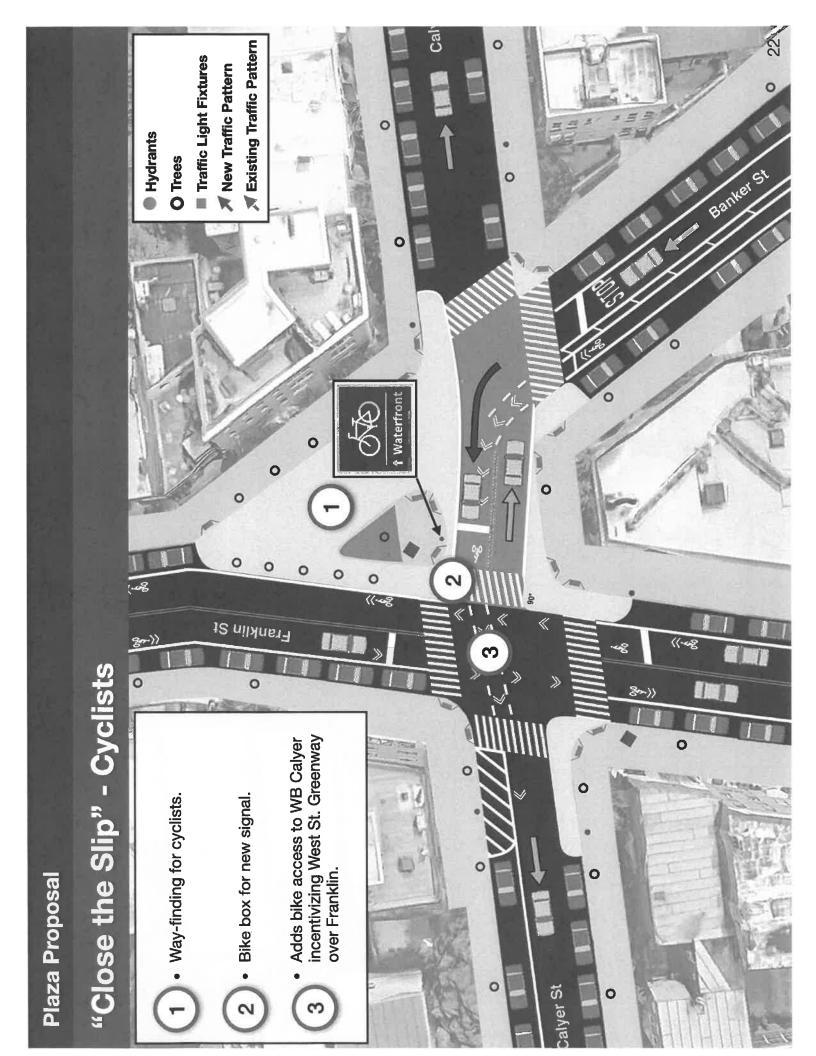












# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

intersection. I also enjoy solving difficult engineering problems. I am not affiliated with any My name is Dan Keezer. I live in the neighborhood and regularly walk or bike through this street advocacy group or housing/business association (yet).

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